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TAKEO'S SECRET

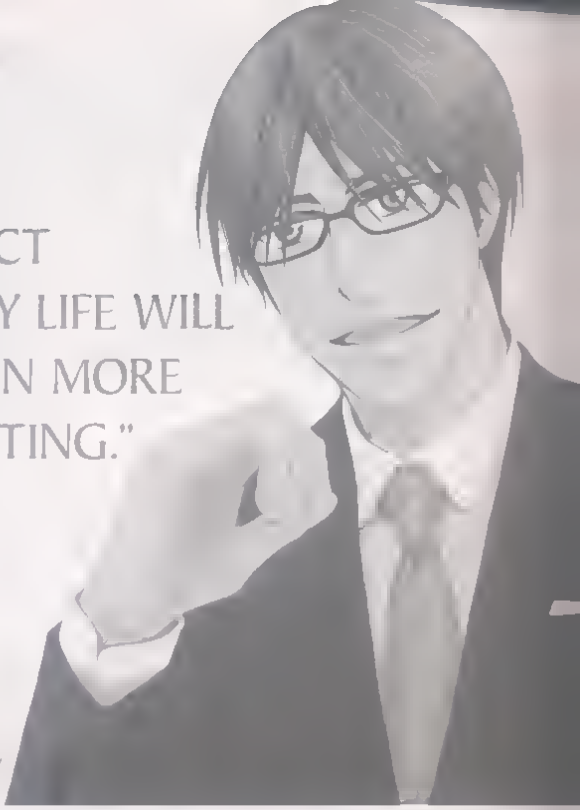
LET'S SAY, FOR EXAMPLE, HE ANGERS FUMI AND GETS HIT —
SLAP
OH!
JUST SHUT UP!
CLATTER
!
FUMI-CHAN...
YOU'D BETTER CURB YOUR TANTRUMS A LITTLE OR EVEN I MIGHT GET MAD...
BUT LET'S HEAD TO THE BEDROOM FOR NOW.
WHEN HIS GLASSES ARE OFF,

TAKEO'S MYSTERY

TAKEO MAY SEEM LIKE A MILQUE-TOAST -
BECAUSE OF THE GLASSES HE WEARS -
FUMI-CHAN!
AAAH!
BUT ONCE HIS GLASSES ARE OFF... (ETC.)
IN OTHER WORDS THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS EVER SEEN TAKEO'S SEME-FACE IS FUMI-CHAN.
BUT HE'S STILL A MILQUETOAST ANYWAY!

SO IS IT JUST SOME SORT OF ROLE-PLAY, THEN?

"I PREDICT THAT MY LIFE WILL GET EVEN MORE INTERESTING."



Blue Leaf Co. Ltd.
Chief Executive Officer

TAKEO AOBA

Born 1977 in Yokohama.
Established Blue Leaf while still in college, setting himself firmly on the path of entrepreneurship. With unprecedented speed, his company stock becomes listed on Tosho Mothers in 2004.

First, please tell us what got you started in entrepreneurship.

When I was in my second year of university, one of my friends at the time asked me to join a club circle he had just established [illegible] entrepreneurship. I joined, but my involvement was only casual. As I reached my third year, I had to start thinking about my future. I reflected then that I decided to establish my own company and aimed to have it listed as a [illegible] stock company by the time I was 30. Then I [illegible] timeline for reaching my goals."

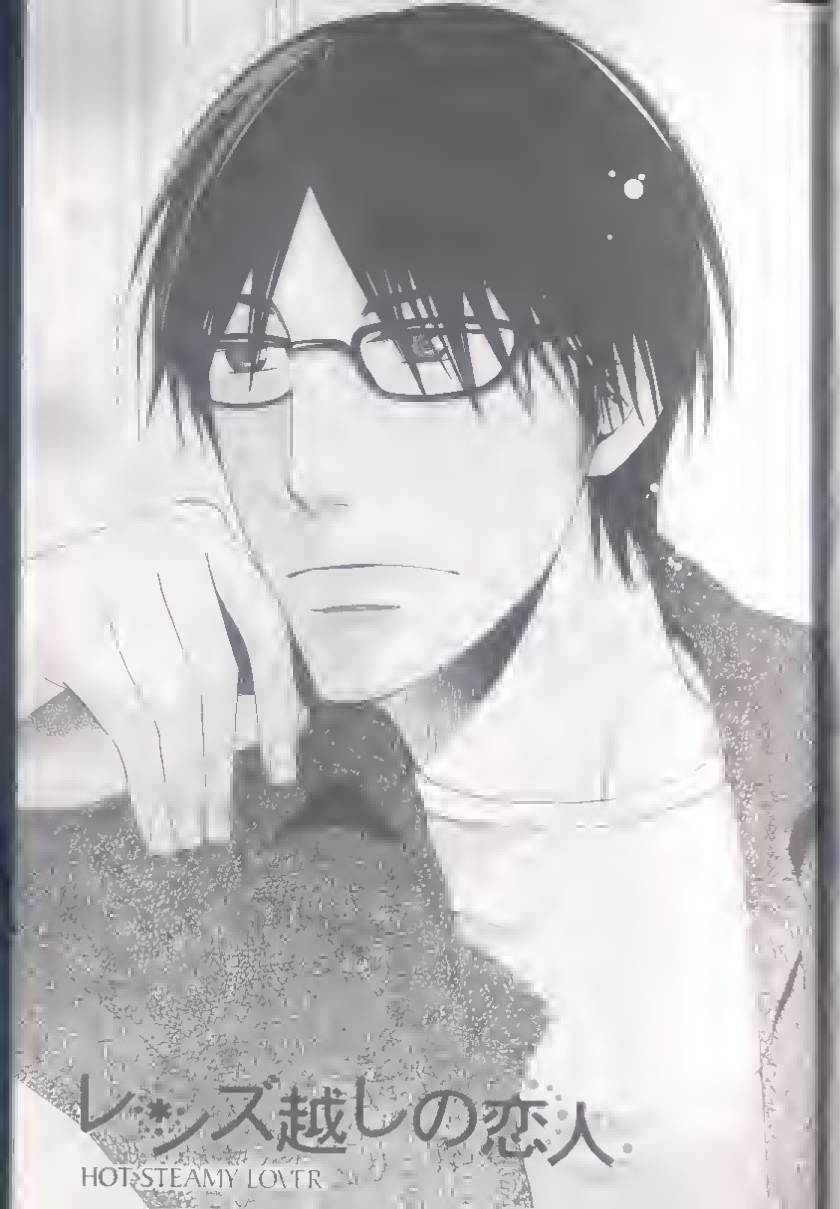
And you actually managed to have your company listed at the age of 27 — what do you think has been the reason for your success.

"I wonder. Perhaps it's because my staff became so competent so quickly, to compensate for my inadequate leadership? I feel very lucky such a great staff made up of such pleasant, talented people. Also, I've always been good with homework, [illegible]ion and sticking to [illegible] has never been a problem, which may be one of the reasons for my success. I'm certainly glad I created that [illegible] system."

A message to your readers, if you please.

"Thank you for even reading a section like this. I was actually hoping readers would casually skim over this part, so I purposely had it printed in very small font to make it difficult to read. Please laugh and forgive any mistakes you may find."

Thank you very much.



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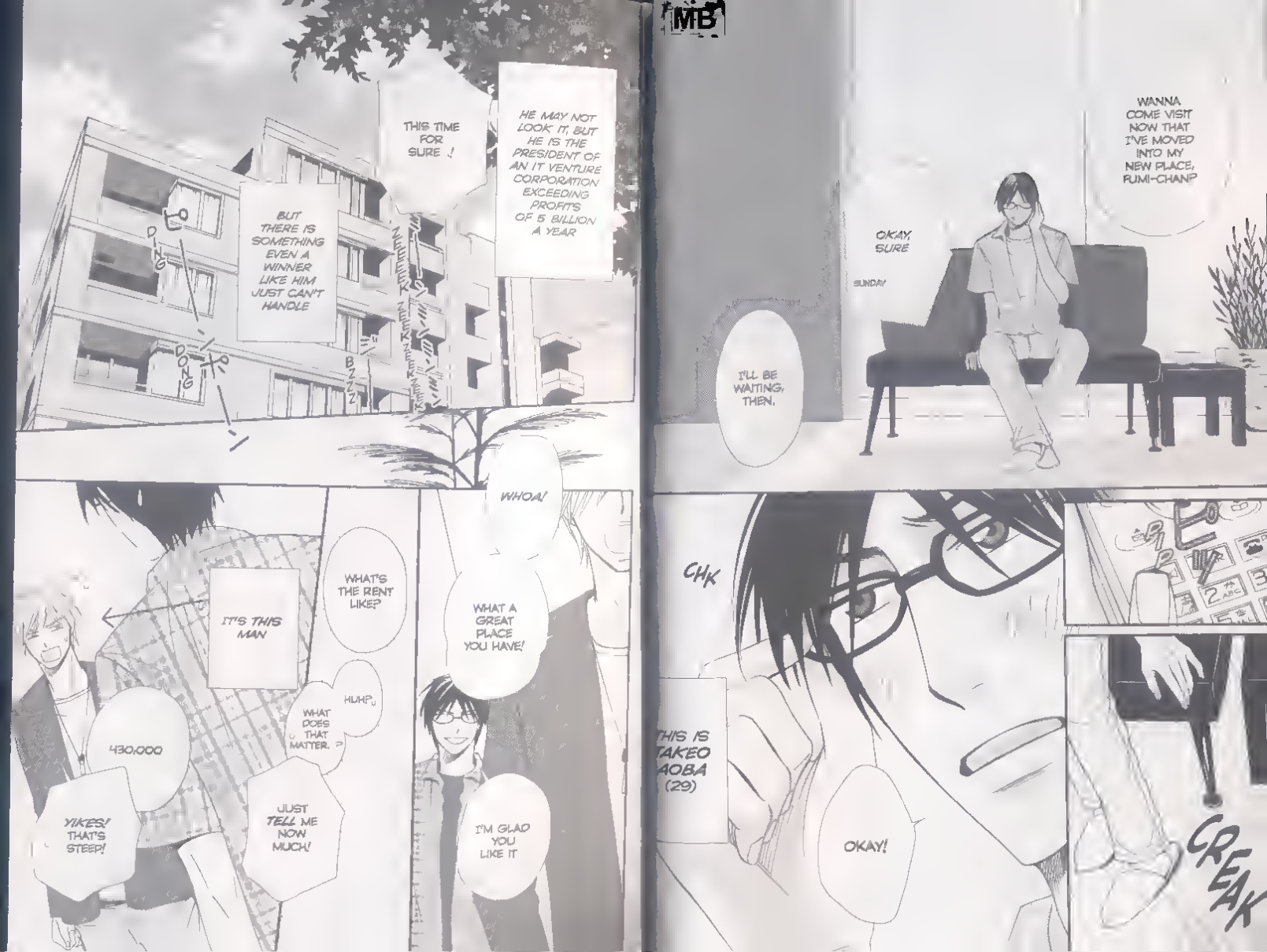

THIS TIME FOR SURE !
HE MAY NOT LOOK IT, BUT HE IS THE PRESIDENT OF AN IT VENTURE CORPORATION EXCEEDING PROFITS OF 5 BILLION A YEAR
BUT THERE IS SOMETHING EVEN A WINNER LIKE HIM JUST CAN'T HANDLE
DING DONG
ZEEEEK ZEEEEK ZEEEEK
BZZZ
WANNA COME VISIT NOW THAT I'VE MOVED INTO MY NEW PLACE, FUMI-CHAN?
OKAY, SURE
SUNDAY
I'LL BE WAITING, THEN.
WHOA!
WHAT A GREAT PLACE YOU HAVE!
IT'S THIS MAN
WHAT'S THE RENT LIKE?
HUHP,
WHAT DOES THAT MATTER. ?
430,000
YIKES! THAT'S STEEP!
JUST TELL ME NOW MUCH!
I'M GLAD YOU LIKE IT
CHK
THIS IS TAKEO AOBA (29)
OKAY!
CREAK

SHOGO SUZUKI (21), JUST YOUR AVERAGE, ORDINARY STUDENT
AND THEN THERE'S ME...
HE'S SUCH A SLAVE-DRIVER.
YES!
I'M JUST POURING IT NOW!
IT'S COFFEE BUT
KLUNK
TINKLE TINKLE
FUMIAKI SUZUKI (29), CITY OFFICE CLERK (WINDOW TELLER) —
A.K.A FUMI-CHAN
THERE ARE OTHER THINGS YOU COULD SPEND THE MONEY ON, AREN'T THERE?!
THIS PLACE IS WAY TOO HUGE FOR JUST ONE GUY!
HARSH...
SONAR
WHAT HAPPENED?
INSTEAD OF APOLOGIZING, YOU SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN RID OF ALL YOUR OTAKU GOODS —
BEFORE CALLING ME OVER IN THE FIRST PLACE!
SLUMP
WELL...
SLAM!
POP
HEY...
THE ICE COFFEES ARE READY, BRO
I'M LEAVING!
WHAT?
I DON'T WANT TO CATCH THE OTAKU VIRUS!
FUMI-CHAN, I'M SORRY!
FORGET IT!
ZING!
DOOM!
TAKEO HAS BEEN IN LOVE WITH THIS HARSH GUY FOR SEVENTEEN YEARS.
BY NOW, HE'S A VETERAN OF THE ONE-WAY AFFECTION MARATHON
BA-THUMP
BA-THUMP
I KNOW
SO ..DO YOU WANT TO LIVE TOGETHER, FUMI-CHAN?
I WAS JUST THINKING —
HEY!
SHOGO, WHERE ARE YOU?!
TEA! BRING ME SOME TEA!

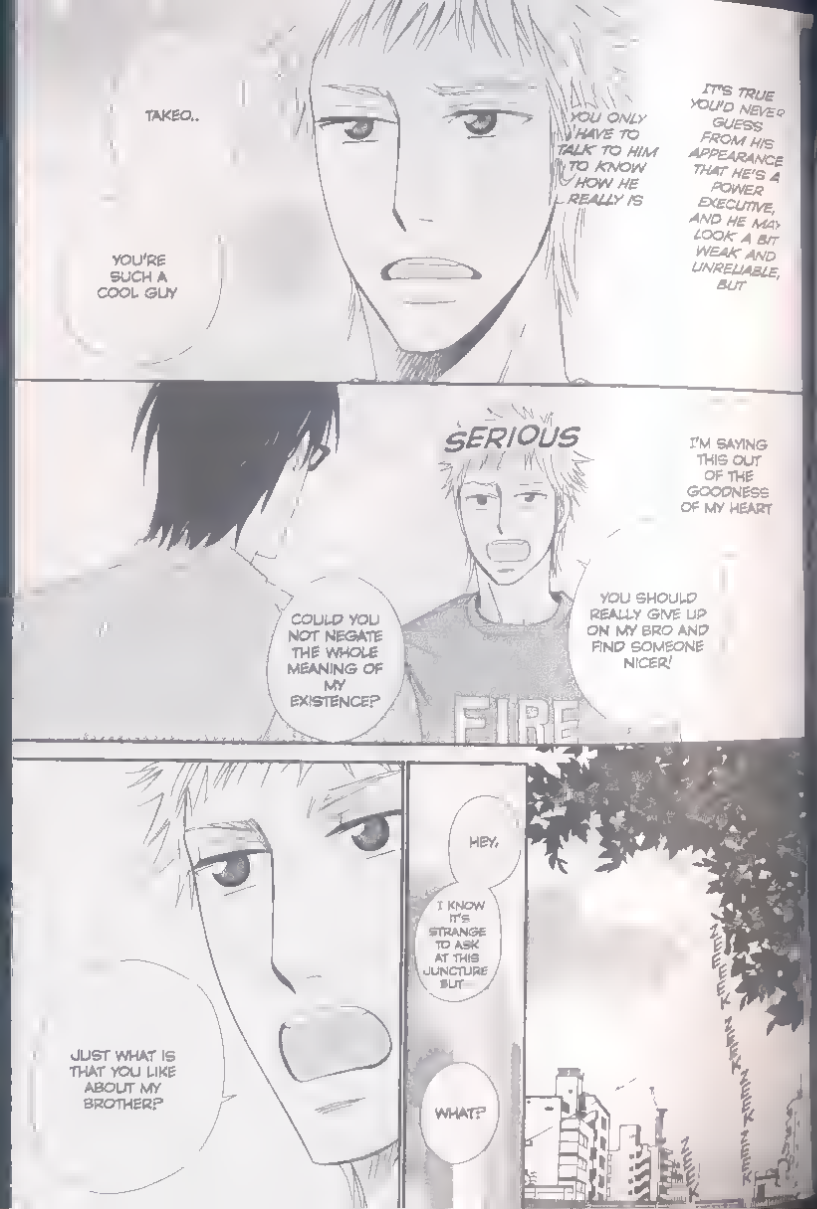
HEY, DON'T TAKE IT SO HARD!
DON'T LISTEN TO WHAT A GUY LIKE HIM SAYS
MMM
-PT-
WHAT?
BUT YOU FORGOT TO ACTUALLY LOCK THE DOOR. IS THAT IT?
SHAPE UP!
IF YOU TAKE THE OTAKU OUT OF ME THERE'LL BE NOTHING LEFT.
I DON'T WANT TO GET RID OF MY COLLECTION BUT...
I'M TELLING YOU, THAT'S THE WRONG LINE OF THINKING!
THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO REASON FOR YOU TO GIVE UP BEING AN OTAKU AND EVEN IF YOU EVER MANAGED TO, YOU'D STILL BE PERFECTLY FINE!
ANYWAY, LET'S JUST DRINK SOME ICE COFFEE AND CALM DOWN.
MAYBE I'D BETTER AT LEAST GET RID OF THE MOE!
—IF KEEPING THEM MEANS FUMI-CHAN IS GOING TO ABANDON ME, THEN

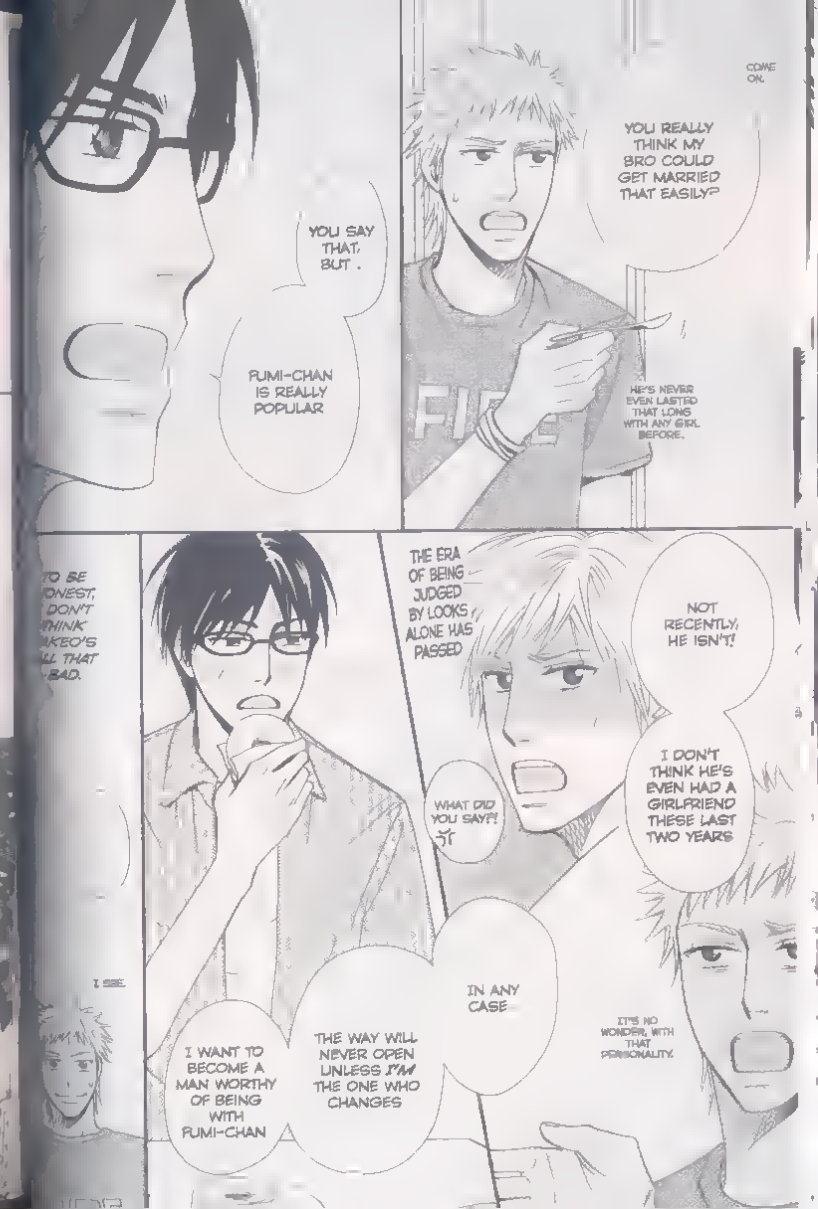
FOUR GUESS
FIVE, IF YOU COUNT THE LIVING ROOM
JUST HOW MANY ROOMS ARE THERE IN THIS PLACE?!
WHAT ARE YOU, AN IDIOT?
WHEN I MOVED IN, I TOOK THE PRECAUTION OF PUTTING A LOCK ON THE DOOR TO MY OTAKU COLLECTIBLES ROOM, BUT...
WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO WITH ALL THESE ROOMS?
ガチャ
WAIT! NOT THAT ROOM!
...REALLY HATES THE MOEH-TYPE GENRE.
NOT ONLY IS HE AN EXTREME OTAKU-HATER BUT ALSO
ごちゃ
CLUTTER
FIGURE
F_FUMI-CHAN
LET ME EXPLAIN.
SHUT UP! YOU DISGUSTING OTAKU
WHAT THE HELL IS ALL THIS CUTESY CRAP?!

WHY NOT JUST ASK HIM?
TO GO SHOPPING WITH YOU OR SOMETHING
WELL?
PARANOY EYES →?
IF I COULD ONLY AT LEAST GET HIM TO GO OUT ON A DATE WITH ME...
POOR GUY
BUT CONSIDERING THE OBJECT OF HIS LOVE IS THIS DUDE
BESIDES, BIG BRO IS TOTALLY INTO WOMEN
ZOOM-
14 HOUR TIME DIFFERENCE
UNTIL JUST RECENTLY TAKEO WAS AWAY STUDYING OVERSEAS (FOR HIS M.B.A.) BUT
IT'S THE SAME REASON HE LEFT HIS PARENTS' HOME IN YOKOHAMA AND STARTED LIVING ON HIS OWN
IT SEEMS HE SPENT THAT WHOLE TIME THINKING AND WORRYING ABOUT MY BROTHER
HE WON'T ANSWER HIS PHONE
LET'S SEE — WHAT OTHER SAYINGS WERE THERE...?
LOVE IS BLIND LOVE TURNS EVEN A POCK-MARK INTO A DIMPLE
FUMI-CHAN'S A PERFECTIONIST.
I DON'T HAVE ANY CONFIDENCE I'LL BE ABLE TO ESCORT HIM PROPERLY.
HEY—
I SEE
CLINK
TODAY, WHEN I ASKED HIM DIRECTLY IF HE WANTED TO LIVE TOGETHER...
YOU ASKED HIM AGAIN?
NEVER GIVE UP, DO YOU?
...HE FLAT-OUT REFUSED ME

DINNER?!
YEAH
BUT DIDN'T WE JUST DO THAT THE OTHER TIME?
NO WELL... I MEAN
TELL HIM TO GET A STYLIST OR SOMETHING!
THEN I'LL THINK ABOUT IT
THEN WHAT DO YOU WANT HIM TO DO?
IF WE WEREN'T RELATED, THERE'S NO CHANCE WE'D EVER BE FRIENDS!
TELL HIM THAT YOURSELF, THEN
I HAVEN'T GOT THE HEART
HERE'S THE PHONE.
I THINK HE MEANT JUST THE TWO OF YOU
WITH HIM?!
IN CASUAL CLOTHES, HE LOOKS LIKE A COLLEGE DROP-OUT! THAT'S WHY I DON'T LIKE BEING SEEN WITH HIM!
THIS GUY HE'S TOO HARSH!
WANT ME TO ASK HIM FOR YOU?
HUH?
I CAN TELL HIM, "TAKEO SAID HE WANTS TO GO OUT TO DINNER."
OH, AM I BUTTING IN TOO MUCH?
ARE YOU SERIOUS? YOU'D REALLY DO THAT?!
CLAMP
IT'S GONNA SPILL—
SURE
SDN
SO—
I DON'T WANNA SAY "RETURN," I'VE GOT A FAVOR TO ASK YOU, TAKEO.
THANK YOU, SHOGO!

キッパリ
IT'S ALL RIGHT
I JUST FEEL LIKE DOING THIS FOR MYSELF
BUT
YOU REALIZE THAT MY BRO PROBABLY WON'T COMPLIMENT YOU, NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK, RIGHT?
I HATE TO SAY THIS...
YES!
YOU THINK SO?
YOU'VE SUDDENLY BECOME MUCH MORE AGGRESSIVE, HAVEN'T YOU?
. EVER SINCE YOU GOT BACK FROM AMERICA.
DOOOM
SADNESS
I WORRY THAT FUMI-CHAN MIGHT BECOME SOMEONE ELSE'S.
I FEEL SO ANXIOUS — AND I CAN'T BEAR IT
I GUESS I MUST BE FEELING MY AGE
THE NEXT DAY —
IT'S ALRIGHT, I'M ON SUMMER VACATION
SORRY FOR CALLING YOU OUT HERE
YESTERDAY, I GOT A PHONE CALL FROM FUMI-CHAN
REALLY .?
I'VE GOT NO KNOWLEDGE OF FASHION AT ALL!
JUST PICK ONE
BUT I HAVE NO IDEA WHO'D BE A GOOD CHOICE
YOU KNOW WHAT FUMI-CHAN'S TASTES ARE DON'T YOU, SHOGO?
ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING TO ME?
UM . HEY, SHOGO. .
HOW DOES ONE GO ABOUT GETTING A STYLIST?
YOU'RE REALLY CONSIDERING IT?!


TAKEO..
YOU'RE SUCH A COOL GUY
YOU ONLY HAVE TO TALK TO HIM TO KNOW HOW HE REALLY IS
IT'S TRUE YOU'D NEVER GUESS FROM HIS APPEARANCE THAT HE'S A POWER EXECUTIVE, AND HE MAY LOOK A BIT WEAK AND UNRELIABLE, BUT
SERIOUS
I'M SAYING THIS OUT OF THE GOODNESS OF MY HEART
COULD YOU NOT NEGATE THE WHOLE MEANING OF MY EXISTENCE?
YOU SHOULD REALLY GIVE UP ON MY BRO AND FIND SOMEONE NICER!
FIRE
JUST WHAT IS THAT YOU LIKE ABOUT MY BROTHER?
HEY,
I KNOW IT'S STRANGE TO ASK AT THIS JUNCTURE BUT
WHAT?
WEEK
WEEK
WEEK


YOU SAY THAT, BUT .
FUMI-CHAN IS REALLY POPULAR
COME ON.
YOU REALLY THINK MY BRO COULD GET MARRIED THAT EASILY?
HE'S NEVER EVEN LASTED THAT LONG WITH ANY GIRL BEFORE.
FIRE
TO BE HONEST, I DON'T THINK TAKEO'S ALL THAT BAD.
I SEE.
I WANT TO BECOME A MAN WORTHY OF BEING WITH FUMI-CHAN
THE WAY WILL NEVER OPEN UNLESS I'M THE ONE WHO CHANGES
IN ANY CASE
THE ERA OF BEING JUDGED BY LOOKS ALONE HAS PASSED
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
NOT RECENTLY, HE ISN'T!
I DON'T THINK HE'S EVEN HAD A GIRLFRIEND THESE LAST TWO YEARS
IT'S NO WONDER, WITH THAT PERSONALITY.

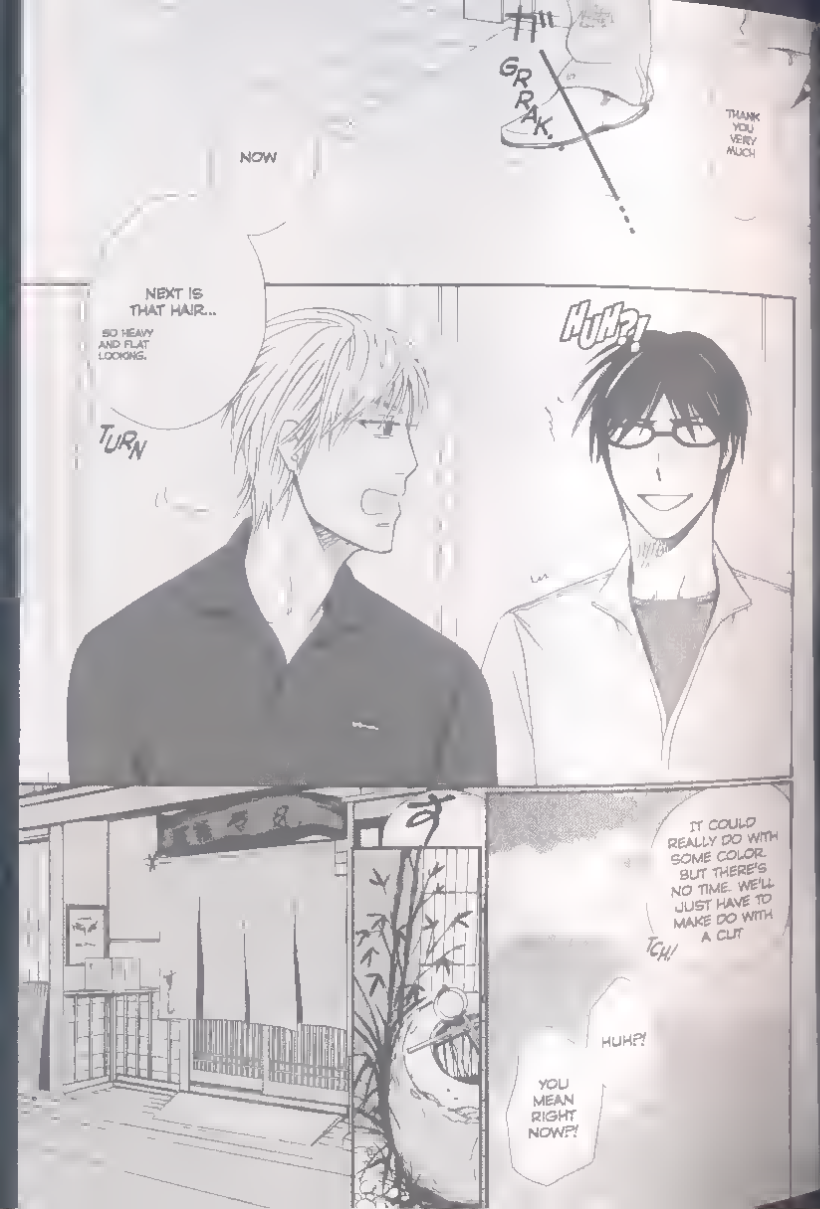
PEOPLE WHO SUCCEED SEEM TO HAVE A MUCH GREATER POWER OF FOCUS AND WILL THAN THE AVERAGE PERSON
IT'S LIKE THEY JUST DON'T KNOW THE MEANING OF "GIVING UP"
AND AN ELITE STUDENT, TOO.
THE SON OF A RICH FAMILY TAKEO WAS BORN WITH A SILVER SPOON IN HIS MOUTH
HE'S TOTAL OPPOSITES WITH MY BROTHER, BUT
SCHOOL IS BORING!
PLUCKED EYEBROWS
PERHAPS THAT'S WHAT TAKEO FOUND REFRESHING
PIERCED EAR
I DON'T KNOW.
FIRST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL
HIS FACE AND PERSONALITY AND VOICE AND ATTITUDE
IN THAT DARK TIME...
MY BROTHER AND TAKEO MET WHEN THEY WERE IN JUNIOR HIGH.
IT WAS A PRIVATE SCHOOL WHICH MY PARENTS HAD FORCED MY BRO TO GO TO, AND I GUESS HE WASN'T REALLY FITTING IN.
FUJII-CHAN, DID YOU STUDY?
WANT ME TO LEND YOU MY NOTES?
THE ONE PERSON MY BROTHER OPENED UP TO WAS TAKEO

THE PROBLEM IS THIS GUY.
POP OUT AND GET SOME BEER
I CAN'T VERY WELL GO OUT LIKE THIS, CAN I?
WHY DO I HAVE TO?
DON'T WANNA
BUT WITH THAT HAVING BEEN SAID...
HEY, SHOGO!
THWAP
I DON'T WANT THE MONEY
INSTEAD, I WISH YOU'D GO ON A DATE WITH TAKEO
WHAT? YOU STILL GOING ON ABOUT THAT?
YOU CAN KEEP THE CHANGE, SO GO. NOW!
OKAY
RIGHT!
I MEAN, THE HUMDLE MUST ALREADY BE HIGH ENOUGH AS IT IS, CONSIDERING IT'S A HOMOSEXUAL RELATIONSHIP...
IN THAT RESPECT, THE ODDS AREN'T COMPLETELY AGAINST TAKEO
HE MIGHT JUST WEAR BRO DOWN UNTIL HE WINS.
I THINK.
I'M ON YOUR SIDE!
I'LL HELP YOU IN ANY WAY I CAN!
GRIP
FOR STARTERS, LET'S GO TO THE BOOK STORE
AFTER THAT WE NEED A COMPUTER.
HUH?
YOU NEED TO FIND A STYLIST, RIGHT?
OF COURSE
BUT BE GENEROUS WITH MY REWARD IF THIS SUCCEEDS, OKAY? ♡
WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT, I GUESS I'M JUST A TAKEO FAN.
THANK YOU, SHOGO!
CLATTER

NOW IT'S ALL UP TO THEM
NEXT SATURDAY, THEN
I'LL KEEP IT OPEN.
GOOD LUCK, TAKEO...!
FUMI-CHAN
THAT JERK MAKING ME WAIT!
AND TAKEO'S A LONG-TIME FRIEND OF YOURS. YET YOU STILL HAVEN'T EVEN GIVEN HIM A HOUSEWARMING GIFT, HAVE YOU?
AS A PERSON.
ISN'T THAT A LITTLE DISCOURTEOUS?
WHY NOT? THERE'S NO HARM IN IT
BESIDES, YOU'RE A PUBLIC SERVANT... SO YOU'VE GOT WEEKENDS FREE ANYWAY, DON'T YOU?
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
SO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS —
YOU WANT ME AND TAKEO TO GO OUT AND HAVE DINNER, JUST THE TWO OF US, RIGHT?
I DID IT...! I WON!
GRIP
WHAT?!
AS A PUBLIC SERVANT, FEELS A BIT GUILTY WHEN HIS NON-OBSERVANCE OF SOCIAL PROTOCOL IS POINTED OUT.

COME WITH ME!
HUH?
YANK
FINE
OKAY.
ON MY DAYS OFF, I DRESS CASUALLY, TOO!
FOOL!
'S SORRY..
I SWEAR.
HUFF!
PANT
UNITED BARROWS
WITH THAT LEVEL OF STYLING, EVEN I CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT!

SORRY I'M LATE!
OH.
WHAT IS UP WITH YOUR DUDS?
I TOOK YOUR ADVICE AND CONSULTED A STYLIST..
HUH..?
SO I THOUGHT I SMARTEN MYSELF UP THIS TIME TO FIT IN WITH YOU
UH- WELL, I'M USUALLY SO DRESSED DOWN
GOING TO AN INTERVIEW OR SOMETHING?
BUT WHY A SUIT ON YOUR DAY OFF?!


GRRAK.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
NOW
NEXT IS THAT HAIR...
SO HEAVY AND FLAT LOOKING.
TURN
HUH?!
IT COULD REALLY DO WITH SOME COLOR. BUT THERE'S NO TIME. WE'LL JUST HAVE TO MAKE DO WITH A CUT
TCH!
HUH?!
YOU MEAN RIGHT NOW?!

CLAK
AND THIS
THAP
YOU'D LIKE TO TRY THEM ON?
AND THIS.
THIS—
WHSH
OKAY, THAT SHOULD DO FOR NOW
RING IT UP!
PAYS FOR EVERYTHING HIMSELF, OF COURSE.
HOW'S THIS?
CHK
HE WILL.
OH THEN RIGHT THIS WAY

LET'S LIVE TOGETHER
MY BUSINESS IS GOING PRETTY STEADY NOW . AND I'D LIKE YOU TO QUIT YOUR JOB TO BE NEAR ME
HEY
FUMI-CHAN
HMM?
?!
DOOOM...
SO CREEPY!
AND —
OH
YEAH, SAME HERE
THANKS FOR THE SUSHI!
FUMI-CHAN...
THANK YOU FOR TODAY
IT WAS REALLY FUN
OF COURSE NOT
OH
I'M GLAD YOU LIKED IT
I HAVEN'T HAD SUSHI IN AGES!
OHHH, MAN... THAT WAS GOOD!
A BIT BUZZED.
CLATTER
CLATTER
カラ
カラ
カラ...

IF I EVER BECAME JUST A POOR, PENNILESS OTAKU
...DOES THAT MEAN WE WOULDN'T BE FRIENDS ANYMORE?
IDIOT.
OF COURSE NOT
AND I HATE OTAKU!
AT LEAST DO SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR OTAKU-NESS FIRST!
HUFF
PANT
THEN...
STEP
WHY SHOULD I HAVE TO BE SUPPORTED BY YOU?!
BESIDES,
THERE'S NO TELLING WHEN A BUSINESS LIKE YOURS COULD GO BELLY-UP!
IF THAT EVER HAPPENED, YOU'D JUST BE AN ORDINARY OTAKU!
I'M DOING THE WORK I DO NOW BECAUSE I WANT TO!
WHY SHOULD I HAVE TO QUIT?!

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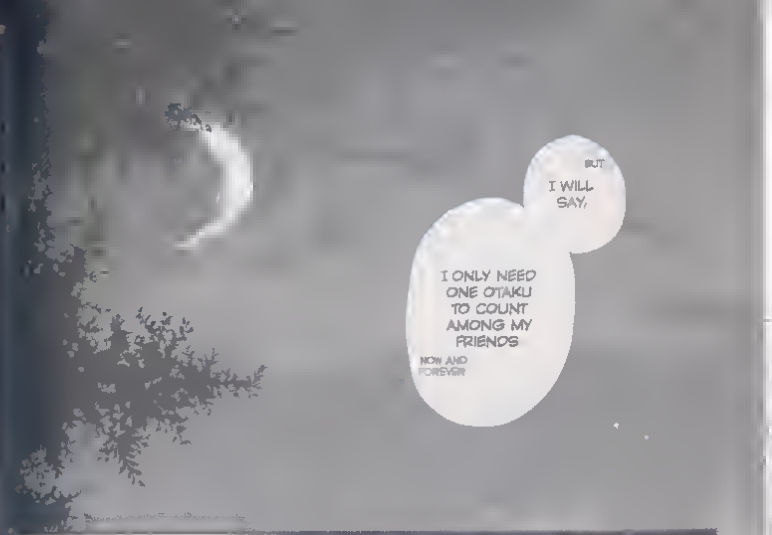
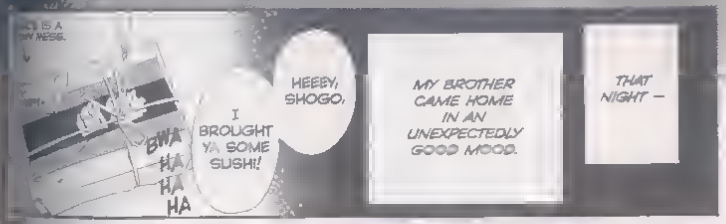
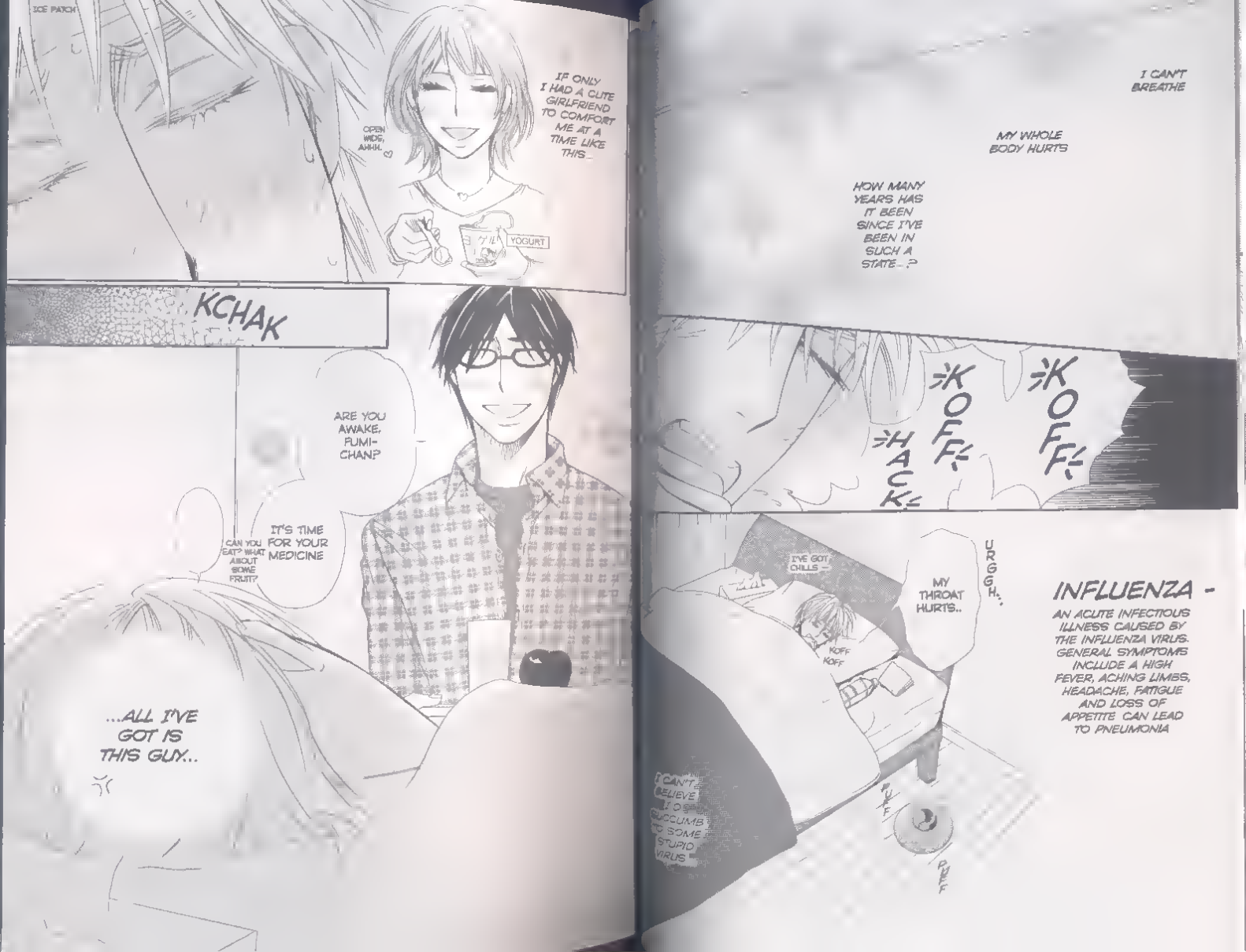




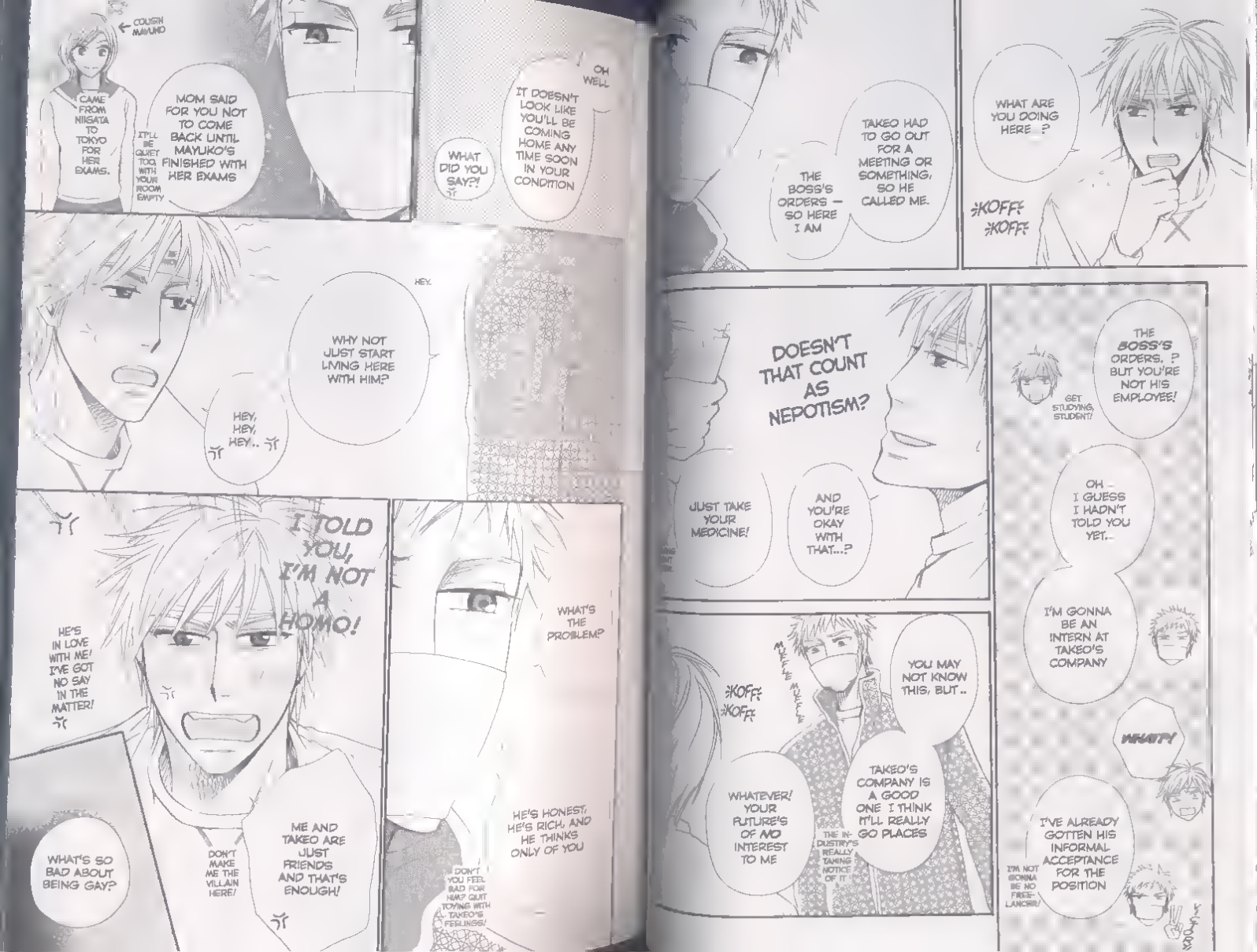
← HAIR IS BACK TO NORMAL MESS.
THE NEXT DAY —
DID YOU CUT YOUR HAIR? IT SEEMS SHORTER.
IT WAS A GREAT DAY THANKS TO YOU, SHOGO
TAKEO WAS ALL HAPPY AND DREAMY, TOO
SOOOO IOUS TO NOW WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN THEM
I'M GLAD
THANK YOU!
HOT STEAMY LOVER / END


ICE PATCH
IF ONLY I HAD A CUTE GIRLFRIEND TO COMFORT ME AT A TIME LIKE THIS...
OPEN WIDE, AHHH.
YOGURT
KCHAK
ARE YOU AWAKE, FUMI-CHAN?
IT'S TIME FOR YOUR MEDICINE
CAN YOU EAT? WHAT ABOUT SOME FRUIT?
...ALL I'VE GOT IS THIS GUY...
I CAN'T BREATHE
MY WHOLE BODY HURTS
HOW MANY YEARS HAS IT BEEN SINCE I'VE BEEN IN SUCH A STATE...?
HACK
KOFF
KOFF
I'VE GOT CHILLS...
MY THROAT HURTS..
URGGH...
KOFF KOFF
I CAN'T BELIEVE I'D SUCCUMB TO SOME STUPID VIRUS...
PUF
INFLUENZA -
AN ACUTE INFECTIOUS ILLNESS CAUSED BY THE INFLUENZA VIRUS. GENERAL SYMPTOMS INCLUDE A HIGH FEVER, ACHING LIMBS, HEADACHE, FATIGUE AND LOSS OF APPETITE CAN LEAD TO PNEUMONIA

I CAN'T LET A SICK PERSON GO BACK TO AN EMPTY HOUSE!
SPARKLE
I'LL TELL OUR FAMILY SO DON'T WORRY
MOM SAYS, "WE DON'T WANT MAYUKO (THE EXAM STUDENT) CATCHING IT. SO DON'T COME HOME!"
YOUNGER BROTHER • SHOGO (21)
AND SO (TO BE HONEST, I'M IN TOO BAD A STATE TO MOVE ANYWAY), HERE I AM, A GUEST AT TAKEO'S...
WHAT AM I, A LEPER ?
HOLD ON A SECOND!
OH!
I DIDN'T REALIZE!
I CAN'T STAND THIS —
IT'S MADDENING— TIME PASSES TOO SLOWLY WHEN EAT-AND-SLEEP IS ALL I DO!
DON'T YOU HAVE A TV OR SOMETHING. ?
IT'S BECAUSE THIS IS TAKEO'S PLACE.
ROLL ROLL ROLL
FROM THERE, I WAS RUSHED TO THE HOSPITAL BY TAXI
VROOM—
I'LL GIVE YOU A SHOT AND SOME ORAL MEDICINE.
IT'S INFLUENZA
TAKEO HAD JUST HAPPENED TO DROP BY, WHERE HE FOUND ME COLLAPSED IN THE DOORWAY OF MY EMPTY HOUSE
UHHGH. I FEEL SICK.
FUMI-CHAN?!
AND WHAT AM I DOING IN TAKEO'S PLACE?
WELL, THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY—
HELLO!

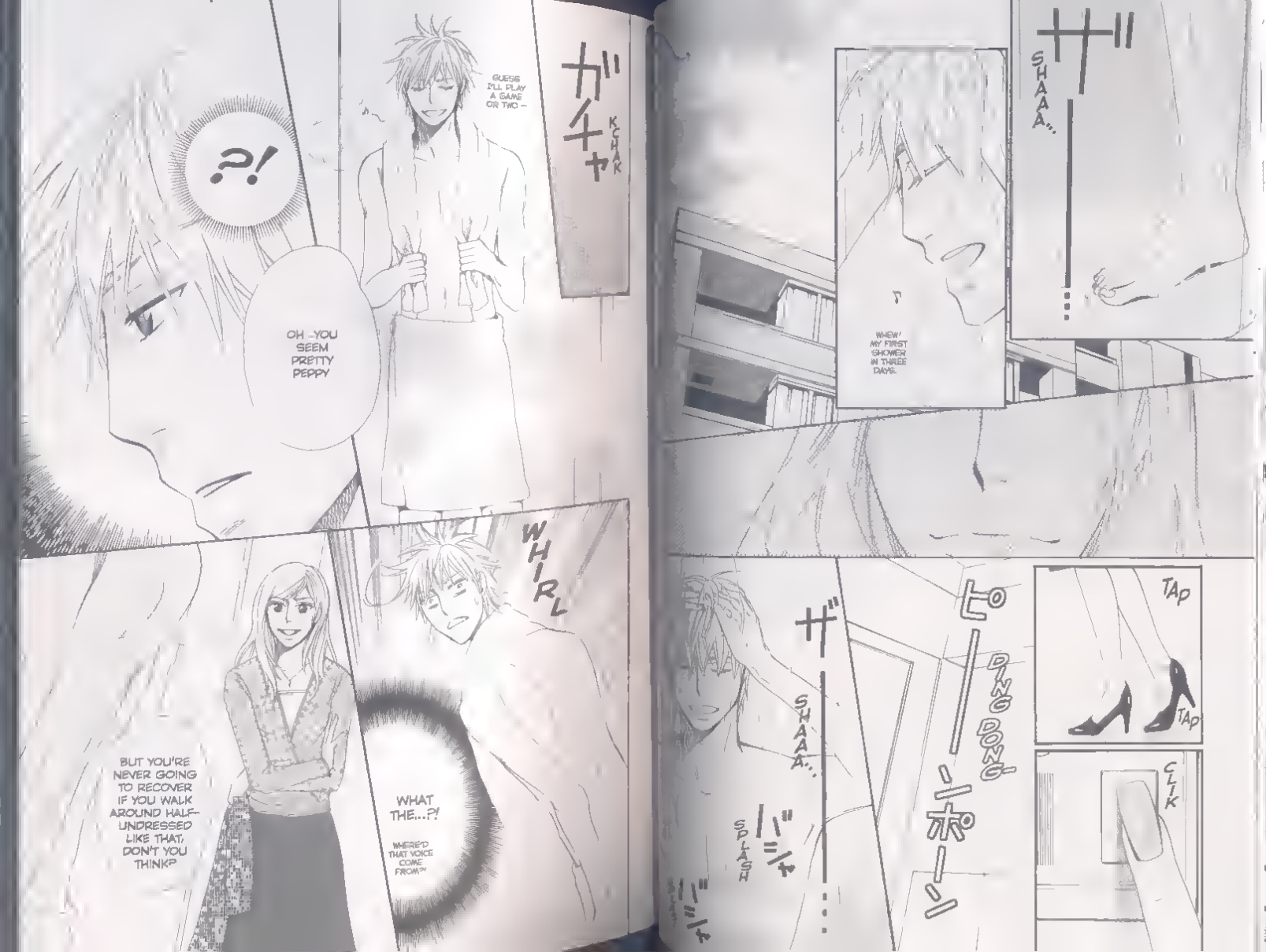
HE'S CONFESSED HIS LOVE TO ME SEVERAL TIMES SINCE I MET HIM, BUT SINCE I'M NOT A HOMO, I'VE DECLINED HIS ADVANCES. AND HERE WE ARE
I'VE KNOWN THIS GUY (TAKEO AOBA) SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL
HERE YOU GO! AN APPLE.
WE'RE SIMPLY "FRIENDS" — NO MORE NO LESS (*FROM MY POINT OF VIEW ONLY)
HOW IS IT? IS IT SWEET?
SHK
NN.
I CAN'T TASTE ANY-THING
MOK
MOK
MOK
HUH?
YOU'RE MORE IMPORTANT TO ME, FUMI-CHAN, SO
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
QUIT TALKING CREEPY
DON'T YOU HAVE WORK TODAY?
TODAY'S MONDAY, RIGHT?
THERE AREN'T ANY BIG MEETINGS THIS WEEK, AND I CAN USE THE COMPUTER TO GIVE MOST OF MY INSTRUCTIONS.
DON'T BE HAPPY OVER SOMEONE ELSE'S MISFORTUNE
HAHAHA.

BRO!
MUFFLE
URGH
MMPH
BRO IT'S TIME FOR YOUR MEDICINE
WAKE UP
MUMBLE
WAKE...
むく
SHOGO, WHAT'S WITH THE GET-UP?
ARE YOU MOCKING ME? THAT MASK.
BUT NEVER MIND THAT —
JUST HOW DEEP IS YOUR LOVE FOR ME ANYWAY...?
WHAT AM I THINKING...?
NOT GOOD..
I'M A GUMED WITH GERMS ON MY MA
KAFF
GULP
I WONDER HOW THINGS WOULD'VE BEEN IF HE'D BEEN A GIRL
が
RUSTLE
I'M GOING TO SLEEP NOW YOU'D BETTER GET TO WORK
IS IT OKAY IF I WORK IN HERE?
GO SOMEWHERE ELSE OR YOU'LL CATCH THE FLU!
I GOT IMMUNIZED AT THE END OF LAST YEAR, SO I'LL BE FINE


COUSIN MAYUKO
CAME FROM NIIGATA TO TOKYO FOR HER EXAMS.
IT'LL BE QUIET TOO WITH YOUR ROOM EMPTY
MOM SAID FOR YOU NOT TO COME BACK UNTIL MAYUKO'S FINISHED WITH HER EXAMS
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
OH WELL
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE YOU'LL BE COMING HOME ANY TIME SOON IN YOUR CONDITION
HEY.
HEY, HEY, HEY..
WHY NOT JUST START LIVING HERE WITH HIM?
I TOLD YOU, I'M NOT A HOMO!
HE'S IN LOVE WITH ME! I'VE GOT NO SAY IN THE MATTER!
WHAT'S SO BAD ABOUT BEING GAY?
DON'T MAKE ME THE VILLAIN HERE!
ME AND TAKEO ARE JUST FRIENDS AND THAT'S ENOUGH!
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
HE'S HONEST, HE'S RICH, AND HE THINKS ONLY OF YOU
DON'T YOU FEEL BAD FOR HIM? QUIT TOYING WITH TAKEO'S FEELINGS!
THE BOSS'S ORDERS — SO HERE I AM
TAKEO HAD TO GO OUT FOR A MEETING OR SOMETHING, SO HE CALLED ME.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE..?
KOFF! KOFF!
DOESN'T THAT COUNT AS NEPOTISM?
JUST TAKE YOUR MEDICINE!
AND YOU'RE OKAY WITH THAT...?
KOFF! KOFF!
WHATEVER! YOUR FUTURE'S OF NO INTEREST TO ME
THE INDUSTRY'S REALLY TAKING NOTICE OF IT
TAKEO'S COMPANY IS A GOOD ONE I THINK I'LL REALLY GO PLACES
YOU MAY NOT KNOW THIS, BUT..
GET STUDYING, STUDENT!
THE BOSS'S ORDERS..? BUT YOU'RE NOT HIS EMPLOYEE!
OH — I GUESS I HADN'T TOLD YOU YET...
I'M GONNA BE AN INTERN AT TAKEO'S COMPANY
WHAT?!
I'VE ALREADY GOTTEN HIS INFORMAL ACCEPTANCE FOR THE POSITION
I'M NOT GONNA BE NO FREELANCER!
YESSS!

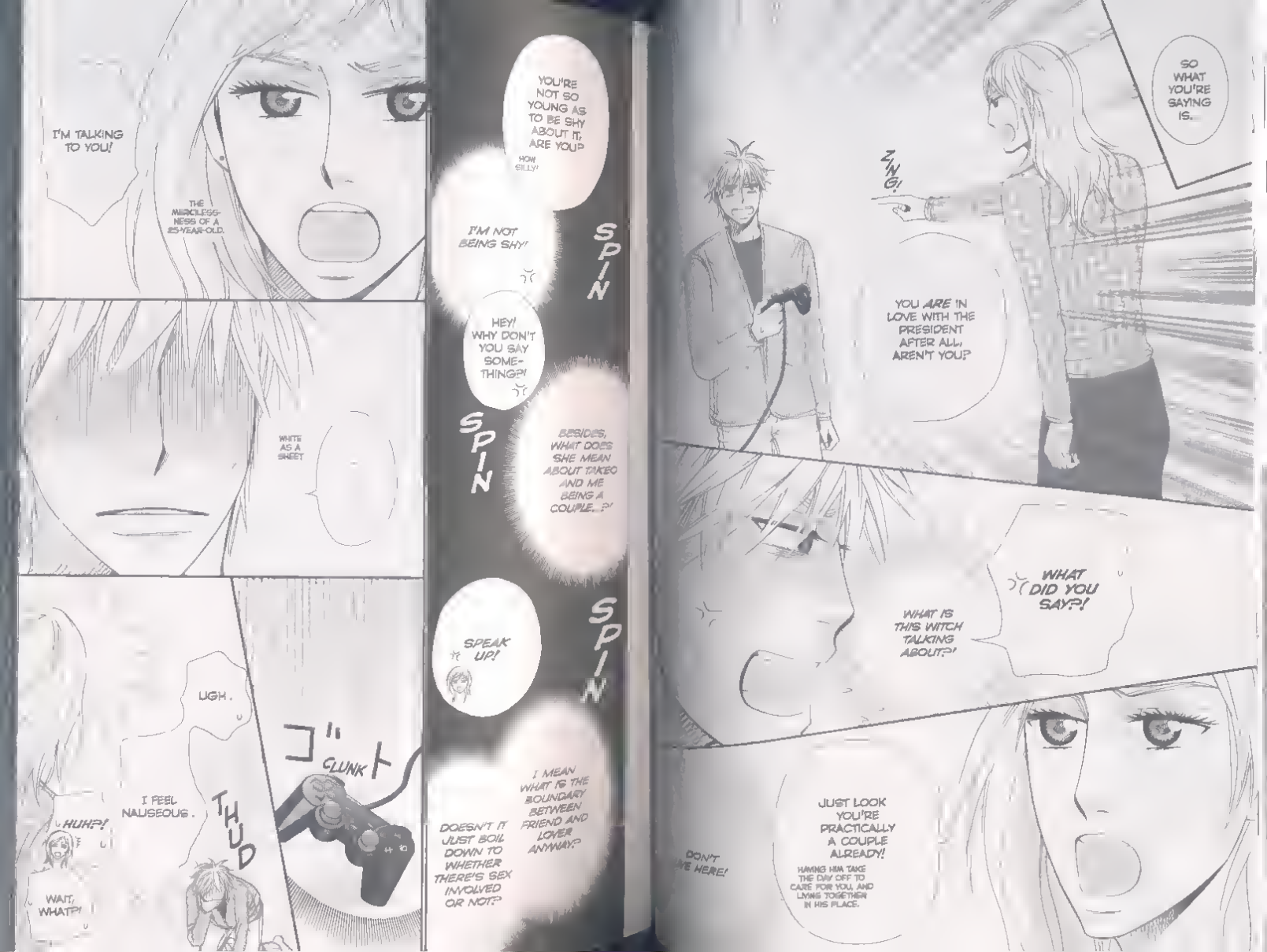
GROGGY...
WHAT AM I, A LITTLE KID?!
HA HA
YOUR FAVORITE, RIGHT?!
LOOK! A MUSK MELON!
TA-DAAAH
YOU SHOULD EAT SOMETHING BEFORE YOUR MEDICINE
I DON'T WANT TO
I'M NOT HUNGRY
HOLD ON..
RUSTLE RUSTLE
COME ON JUST TRY
フルーツ
ヨーグルト
FIGHTING CHILLS
SIP
I'M CONCERNED ABOUT LEAVING YOU ON YOUR OWN
I'LL BE FINE — ALL I HAVE TO DO IS TAKE THE MEDICINE AND SLEEP
LIKE I TOLD YOU, DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME
UM— ACTUALLY, I HAVE TO GO TO A SUDDEN MEETING TOMORROW
I'VE GOT TO GO TO OSAKA, I MAY BE STAYING OVER THERE.
IT'S STILL NOT GOING DOWN
TERUMO
BONK
OW!
IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT US, DON'T BE. I'LL CARRY ON THE FAMILY NAME
IF YOU'RE FINISHED, GET OUT!
I'M HOME
WHEEZE
SNSF
THANKS TO YOU CALLING SHOGO OVER, MY FEVER'S GONE UP
HUH? OH, S- SORRY...
SORRY" WERE OUGH, WE ULDN'T ED THE CE!
YIKES...
YOU DON'T SOUND SO GOOD... TRY NOT TO TALK!
BRR, IT'S COLD OUT THERE.
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
WHAT?!
TERRIBLE

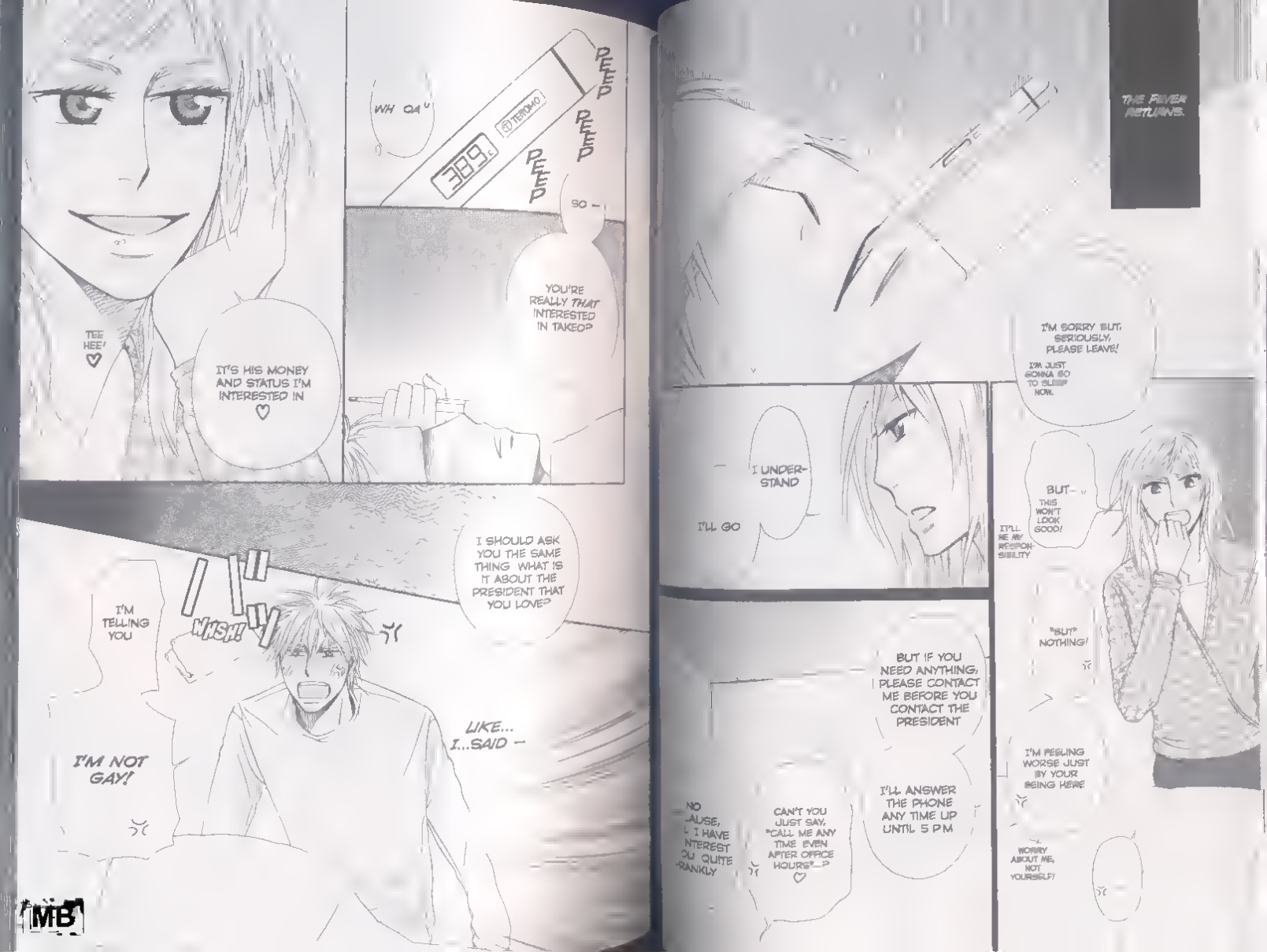
SMUSH...
BUT THAT NIGHT, I DREAMT I WAS BEING PICKLED
OR MAYBE IT WAS DUE TO THE GUILT I FELT AT BEING A BURDEN TO HIM
WHEN I WOKE UP THE NEXT MORNING, TAKEO WAS NOWHERE TO BE SEEN
CHIRP CHIRP
AT MY PILLOW WERE MY MEDICINE AND A THERMOMETER
REFRESHED
SCRATCH SCRATCH
MAYBE I'LL TAKE A SHOWER
MY HEAD'S ITCHY
MY BODY FELT LIGHTER, AND MY FEVER HAD GONE DOWN CONSIDERABLY
LUCKY ME!
COULD IT BE THE HEALTH DRINK?
GASP!
AND BESIDES, IT'S NO FUN BEING LOOKED AFTER BY A DUDE! SEND OVER A HOT SECRETARY OR SOMETHING!
I'M NOT SOME KID I'M TELLING YOU, I'LL BE FINE!
LIKE... I... SAID...!
DROOP...
THUNK
IT DOES MY HEAD
I'LL LEAVE YOUR CHANGE OF CLOTHES AND A TOWEL HERE.
I KNOW IT'S A PAIN, BUT IF YOU GET SWEATY, BE SURE TO CHANGE.
OKAY...
WHEEZE
QUIT BEING DEJECTED OVER EVERY LITTLE THING!
GASP
SORRY
DON'T APOLOGIZE!

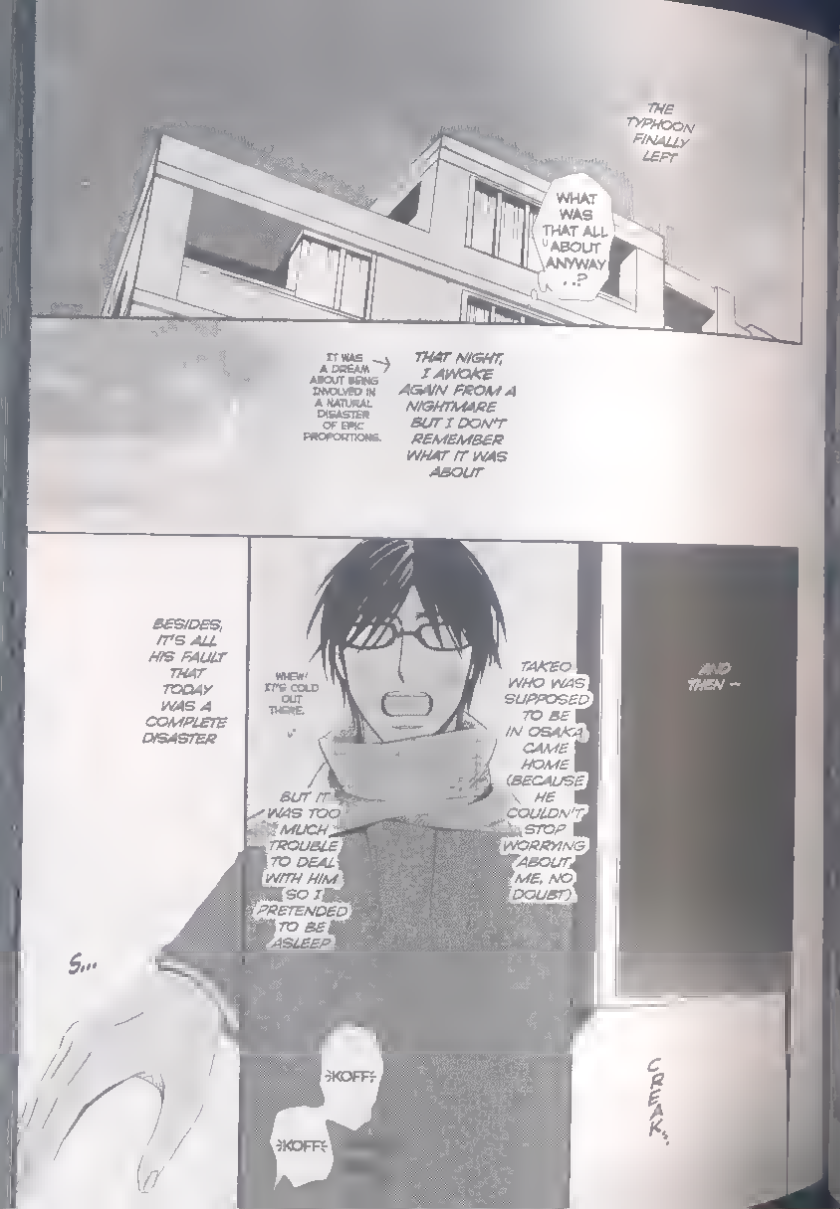

SHAAA...
WHEW! MY FIRST SHOWER IN THREE DAYS.
TAP
TAP
CLIK
ピンポーン
DING DONG
ザー
SHAAA...
バシャ
SPLASH
バシャ
GUESS I'LL PLAY A GAME OR TWO —
ガチャ
KCHAK
?!
OH — YOU SEEM PRETTY PEPPY
WHIRL
BUT YOU'RE NEVER GOING TO RECOVER IF YOU WALK AROUND HALF-UNDRESSED LIKE THAT, DON'T YOU THINK?
WHAT THE...?!
WHERE'D THAT VOICE COME FROM?!

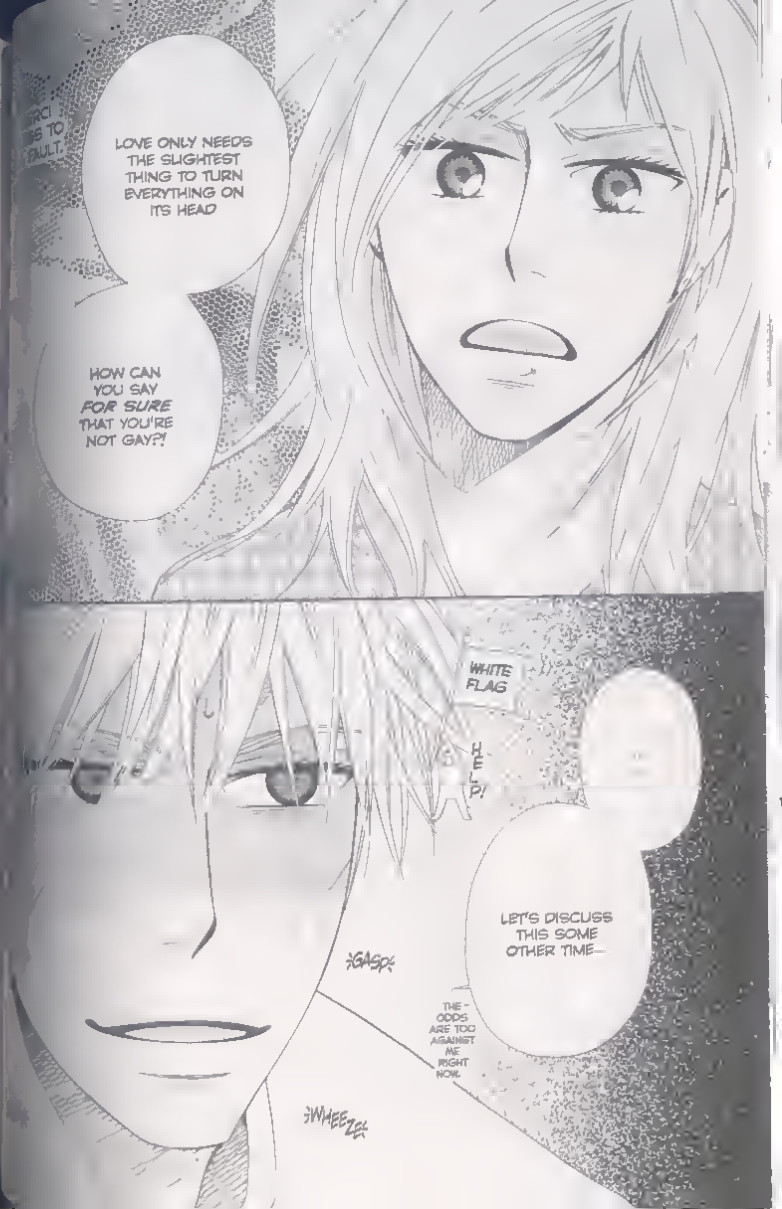
MY TYPES ARE YUUKA, OTOHA, AND FUKA-KYON, DAMMIT!
SHE'S EXACTLY THE CAREER-WOMAN TYPE THAT I HATE
PLEASE DON'T BE SHY
I WILL STAY UNTIL 5 O'CLOCK!
THIS IS PART OF MY JOB ♡
WHAT THE —
WHO'RE YOU?
にこり GRIN
BLUE LEAF CO. LTD
MANAGER TOKYO OFFICE
REIKO KAWAHARA
ニヤキ
WHOOSH!
I'D HEARD THAT YOU'RE THE ONE THE PRESIDENT'S HEAD-OVER-HEELS FOR, SO I WONDERED WHAT KIND OF MAN YOU'D BE, BUT—
YOU'RE COMPLETELY AVERAGE
!
ジャカジャカ
ピンポーン!
CRASH
PING! POP!
HE REALLY DID SEND OVER A SECRETARY
BUT AS YOU CAN SEE, I'VE RECOVERED!
I'M FINE!
SO LEAVE!
THAT FOOL—
PRESIDENT AOBA LEFT ME INSTRUCTIONS TO LOOK AFTER YOU
HUH. THAT'S MIGHTY KIND OF YOU
MY NAME IS REIKO KAWAHARA.

WHY DO I HAVE TO BE ORDERED AROUND BY THIS WOMAN?!
FORGET IT!
I'VE ALREADY DONE THAT THREE TIMES!
THEN DO IT AGAIN
JUST BREAK IT OFF, NICE AND FINAL!
TELL HIM, "GIVE UP ON ME AND FIND SOMEBODY ELSE," OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT
SPARK!
I SEE
SNAP!
SO WHAT'S WRONG WITH AVERAGE?!
YEAH, IT'S TRUE THAT HE'S IN LOVE WITH ME, BUT WE'RE JUST FRIENDS GOT THAT?
ARE YOU STUPID?
WHAT?!
JULDN'T BE THE E WHO ECIDES?
THAT'S RIGHT! IT'S THE RESIDENT'S ELISION TO MAKE!
BUT FIRST INGS FIRST OU HAVE TO REJECT HIM EFORE I CAN AKE MY MOVE
REALLY?! YOU'RE KIDDING ME!
THEN MAYBE I SHOULD TRY FOR THE POSITION OF THE COMPANY PRESIDENT'S WIFE!


I'M TALKING TO YOU!
THE MERCILESSNESS OF A 25-YEAR-OLD.
WHITE AS A SHEET
UGH.
I FEEL NAUSEOUS.
HUH?!
WAIT, WHAT?!
THUD
コトン
CLUNK
YOU'RE NOT SO YOUNG AS TO BE SHY ABOUT IT, ARE YOU?
HOW SILLY!
I'M NOT BEING SHY!
HEY! WHY DON'T YOU SAY SOMETHING?!
SPIN
SPIN
SPIN
BESIDES, WHAT DOES SHE MEAN ABOUT TAKEO AND ME BEING A COUPLE...?!
SPEAK UP!
I MEAN WHAT IS THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN FRIEND AND LOVER ANYWAY?
DOESN'T IT JUST BOIL DOWN TO WHETHER THERE'S SEX INVOLVED OR NOT?
SO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS...
ZNG!
YOU ARE IN LOVE WITH THE PRESIDENT AFTER ALL, AREN'T YOU?
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
WHAT IS THIS WITCH TALKING ABOUT?!
DON'T BE HERE!
JUST LOOK YOU'RE PRACTICALLY A COUPLE ALREADY!
HAVING HIM TAKE THE DAY OFF TO CARE FOR YOU, AND LYING TOGETHER IN HIS PLACE.


TEE HEE!
IT'S HIS MONEY AND STATUS I'M INTERESTED IN
WH OA
389
THERMO
PEEP
PEEP
PEEP
SO —
YOU'RE REALLY THAT INTERESTED IN TAKEO?
I SHOULD ASK YOU THE SAME THING. WHAT IS IT ABOUT THE PRESIDENT THAT YOU LOVE?
I'M TELLING YOU
WHISH!!
I'M NOT GAY!
LIKE... I...SAID —
THE FEVER RETURNS.
I'M SORRY BUT, SERIOUSLY, PLEASE LEAVE!
I'M JUST GONNA GO TO SLEEP NOW.
I UNDER-STAND
I'LL GO
BUT— v
THIS WON'T LOOK GOOD!
IT'LL BE MY RESPON-SIBILITY
"BUT" NOTHING!
I'M FEELING WORSE JUST BY YOUR BEING HERE
WORRY ABOUT ME, NOT YOURSELF!
BUT IF YOU NEED ANYTHING, PLEASE CONTACT ME BEFORE YOU CONTACT THE PRESIDENT
I'LL ANSWER THE PHONE ANY TIME UP UNTIL 5 PM
CAN'T YOU JUST SAY, "CALL ME ANY TIME EVEN AFTER OFFICE HOURS"—?
NO CAUSE, I HAVE INTEREST OU QUITE FRANKLY


THE TYPHOON FINALLY LEFT
WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT ANYWAY...?
IT WAS A DREAM ABOUT BEING INVOLVED IN A NATURAL DISASTER OF EPIC PROPORTIONS.
THAT NIGHT, I AWOKE AGAIN FROM A NIGHTMARE BUT I DON'T REMEMBER WHAT IT WAS ABOUT
BESIDES, IT'S ALL HIS FAULT THAT TODAY WAS A COMPLETE DISASTER
WHEW! IT'S COLD OUT THERE.
BUT IT WAS TOO MUCH TROUBLE TO DEAL WITH HIM SO I PRETENDED TO BE ASLEEP
TAKEO WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO BE IN OSAKA CAME HOME (BECAUSE HE COULDN'T STOP WORRYING ABOUT ME, NO DOUBT)
AND THEN --
S...
>KOFF<
>KOFF<
CREAK...


LOVE ONLY NEEDS THE SLIGHTEST THING TO TURN EVERYTHING ON ITS HEAD
HOW CAN YOU SAY FOR SURE THAT YOU'RE NOT GAY?!
WHITE FLAG
H E L P!
LET'S DISCUSS THIS SOME OTHER TIME--
>GASP<
THE ODDS ARE TOO AGAINST ME RIGHT NOW.
>WHEEZE<

JUST HOW DEEP IS YOUR LOVE FOR ME ANYWAY...?
GOOD NIGHT FUMI-CHAN
THANKS...
HOARSE
TAKEO

PAT
FLINCH
!!!
WHEW..
GOOD..
MUMBLE...
HIS FEVER'S DOWN

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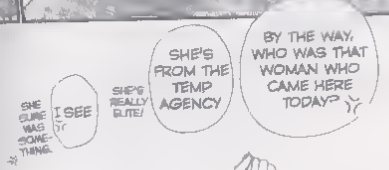
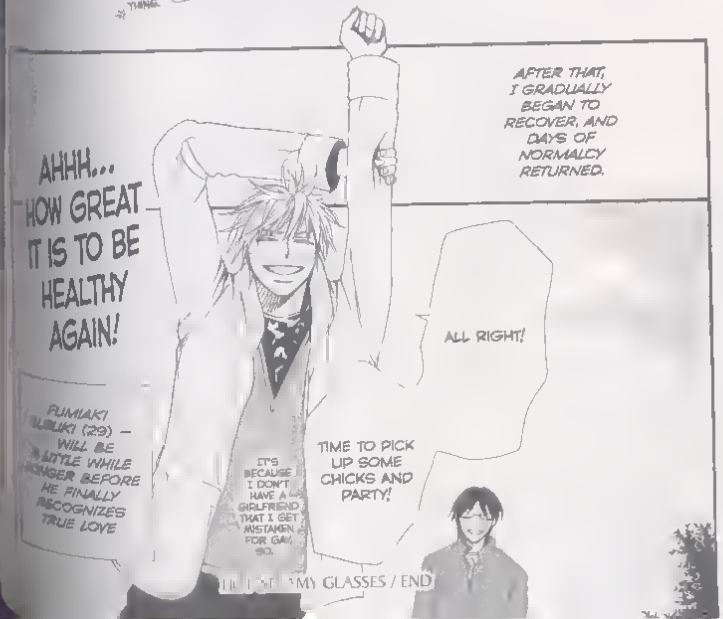
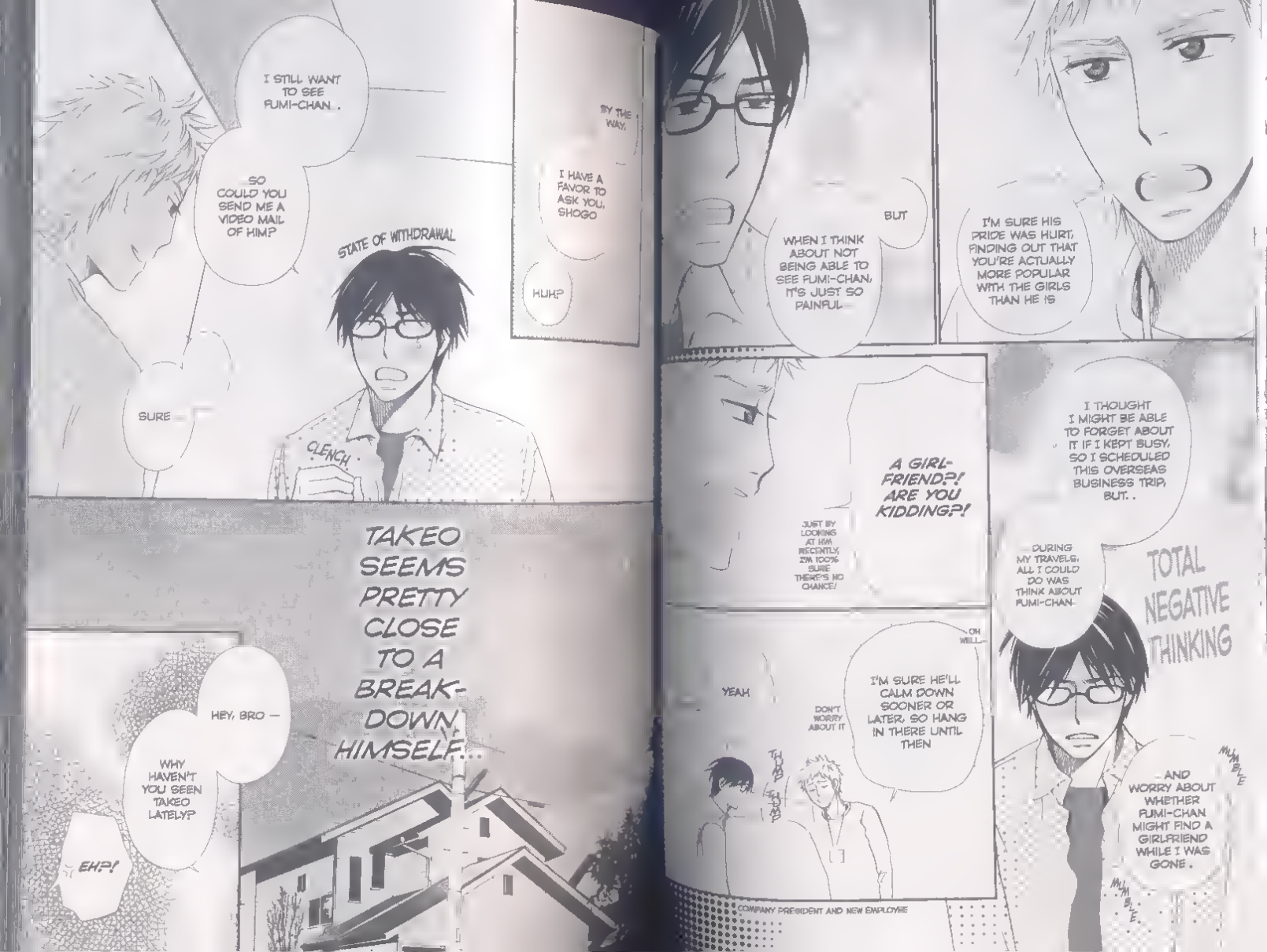
HOT STEAMY MELANCHOLY




AFTER THAT, I GRADUALLY BEGAN TO RECOVER, AND DAYS OF NORMALCY RETURNED.
AHHH... HOW GREAT IT IS TO BE HEALTHY AGAIN!
ALL RIGHT!
TIME TO PICK UP SOME CHICKS AND PARTY!
IT'S BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE A GIRLFRIEND THAT I GET MISTAKEN FOR GAY, SO.
FUMIAKI SUZUKI (29) — WILL BE A LITTLE WHILE LONGER BEFORE HE FINALLY RECOGNIZES TRUE LOVE
...MY GLASSES / END

SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH MY BROTHER LATELY
GRRR
IT'S NOT JUST THAT HE SEEMS ANNOYED (WHICH HE ALWAYS IS ANYWAY)
BUT THAT HE SOMETIMES SEEMS A LITTLE DEPRESSED AS WELL
SIGH...
MY BROTHER — DEPRESSED ?! HIM?!
SO UNLIKELY
SOMETHING MUST'VE HAPPENED...
THIS'LL BE FUN.
AND SURE ENOUGH...
SHOGO
NEW EMPLOYEE
HAVE YOU GOT A MINUTE?
I NEED TO TALK TO YOU.
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
A NEAR-DEATH-LOOKING TAKEO CAME TO SPEAK TO ME SOON AFTER
OH, TAK-
I MEAN —
SQUEAK
PRESIDENT!
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU
UH...
THOSE BAGS...
...WERE YOU ON A TRIP ?
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU LATELY NOW THAT I THINK OF IT
YEAH...ON BUSINESS.
TO ABOUT FIVE COUNTRIES.

AND EVER SINCE, BRO HAS REFUSED TO EVEN SPEAK TO TAKEO.
WHY DON'T YOU JUST LET HIM BE?
MY BROTHER HAD SET UP A MIXER AND ASKED TAKEO TO ATTEND, JUST TO EVEN OUT THE HEAD COUNT
SOMEONE CANCELED SUDDENLY, SO THERE'S NOT ENOUGH PEOPLE
YOU COME
WHAAA?!
IT'S NOISY PLACES...
THE RESULT WAS THAT TAKEO WAS THE CENTER OF ATTENTION.
WHAAAAT? YOU'RE THE PRESIDENT OF YOUR OWN COMPANY?
SQUEAL
HELP ME
SO WHAT IS IT YOU DO?
SQUEAL
BUT YOU'RE SO YOUNG! HOW GREAT!
I'M LEAVING!
W-
WAIT FUMI-CHAN!
DON'T FOLLOW ME!
I WANT TO GO WITH Y-
:KAFF:
SO WHAT'S GOING ON?
BRO'S BEEN ACTING REALLY IRRITATED LATELY, TOO
FUMI-CHAN I WONDER IF HE'S STILL MAD...
HUH?
TO PARAPHRASE TAKEO'S STORY, IT'S LIKE THIS:
DID YOU DO SOMETHING TO MY BRO?!
NO.
UH— YOU SEE
FINALLY?!


I STILL WANT TO SEE FUMI-CHAN.
SO COULD YOU SEND ME A VIDEO MAIL OF HIM?
STATE OF WITHDRAWAL
SURE
CLENCH
BY THE WAY,
I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK YOU, SHOGO
HUH?
TAKEO SEEMS PRETTY CLOSE TO A BREAK-DOWN HIMSELF...
HEY, BRO —
WHY HAVEN'T YOU SEEN TAKEO LATELY?
EH?!
BUT
WHEN I THINK ABOUT NOT BEING ABLE TO SEE FUMI-CHAN, IT'S JUST SO PAINFUL...
I'M SURE HIS PRIDE WAS HURT, FINDING OUT THAT YOU'RE ACTUALLY MORE POPULAR WITH THE GIRLS THAN HE IS
A GIRL-FRIEND?! ARE YOU KIDDING?!
JUST BY LOOKING AT HIM RECENTLY, I'M 100% SURE THERE'S NO CHANCE!
I THOUGHT I MIGHT BE ABLE TO FORGET ABOUT IT IF I KEPT BUSY, SO I SCHEDULED THIS OVERSEAS BUSINESS TRIP, BUT..
TOTAL NEGATIVE THINKING
— DURING MY TRAVELS, ALL I COULD DO WAS THINK ABOUT FUMI-CHAN.
— AND WORRY ABOUT WHETHER FUMI-CHAN MIGHT FIND A GIRLFRIEND WHILE I WAS GONE.
MUMBLE
MUMBLE
OH WELL...
I'M SURE HE'LL CALM DOWN SOONER OR LATER, SO HANG IN THERE UNTIL THEN
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
YEAH
COMPANY PRESIDENT AND NEW EMPLOYEE

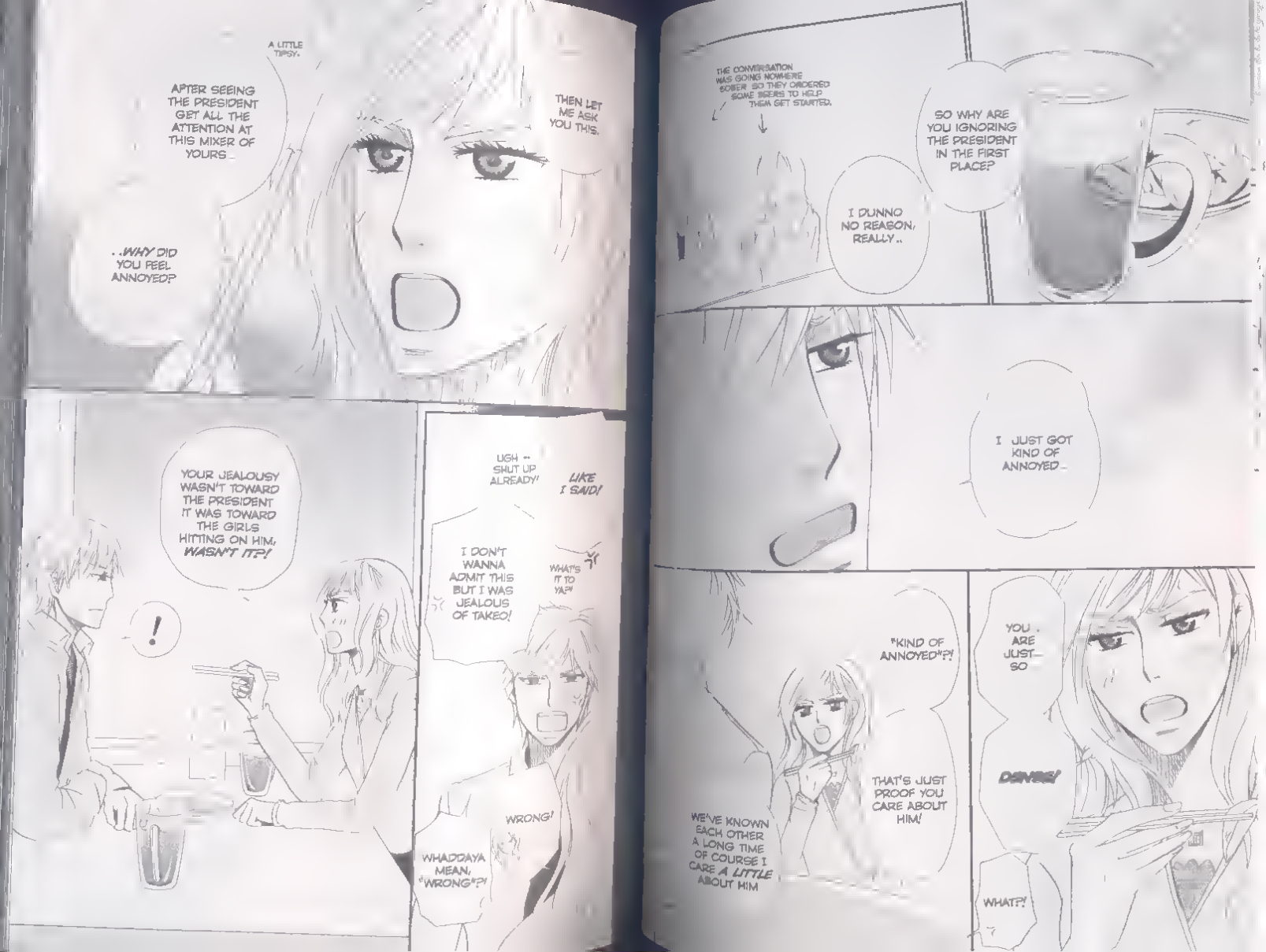
!
YOU ARE SO DEAD!
HAVE YOU SAID ALL YOU WANT TO SAY?
AAHH!
WHAT ARE YOU SO MAD ABOUT?
DON'T MENTION HIM IN FRONT OF ME
SNAP
GET OUT!
SHUT UP! I DON'T WANNA HEAR IT! YOU ANNOY ME!
IT'S ALSO BECAUSE YOU ONLY WANT A TROPHY GIRLFRIEND TO UPHOLD YOUR PRIDE, AND IT SHOWS IN YOUR DESPERATE ATTITUDE
YOU'RE TOTALLY RRESPONSIBLE ANYWAY SO WHY JUST GIVE UP WOMEN AND VE TAKEO LOOK YOU FOR THE OF YOUR LIFE HE WANTS TO.
YOU SEEM TO BE GOING TO A LOT OF MIXERS LATELY, BUT
ISN'T THIS ATTITUDE OF YOURS THE REASON YOU CAN'T LAND A GIRLFRIEND?!
HELLO, SUZUKI HERE
HELLO, THIS IS KAWAHARA DOWN IN SECRETARIAL
YES?
SUZUKI-KUN, YOU HAVE A CALL ON LINE 2!
THANK YOU

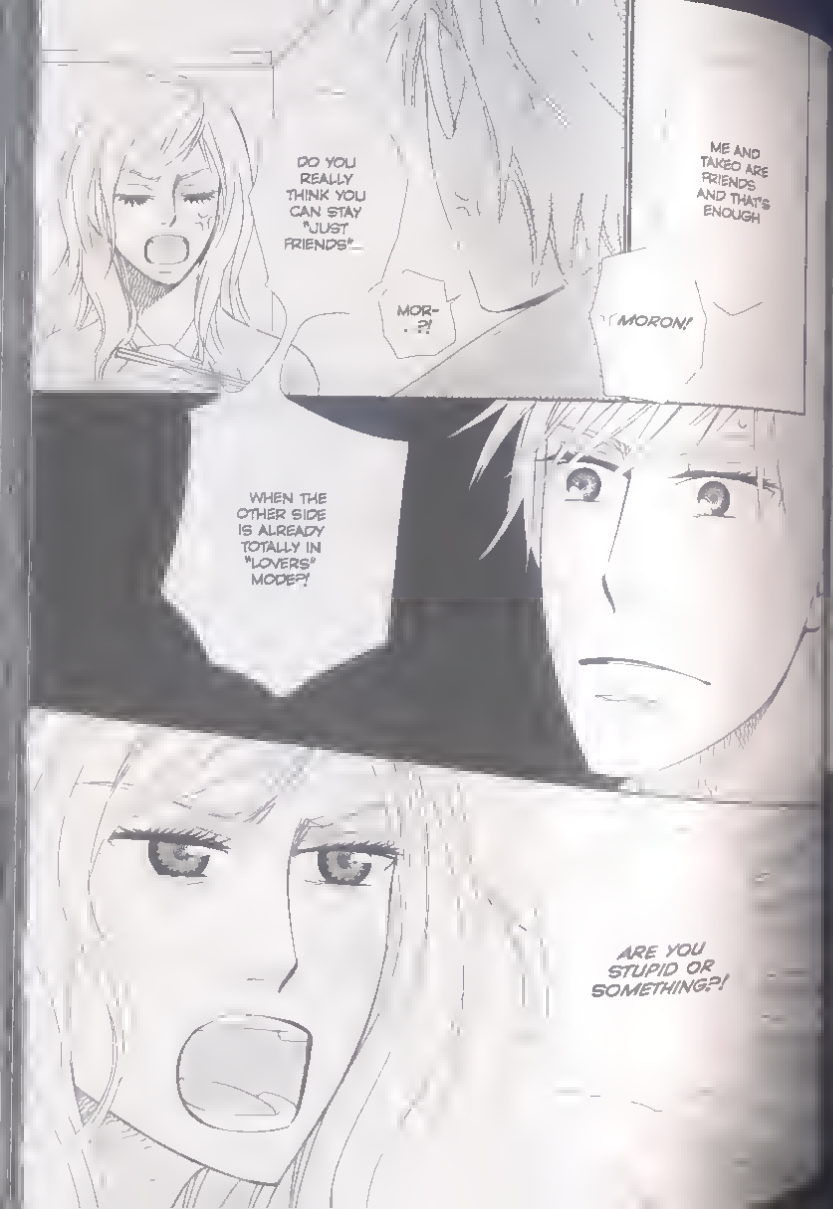
UGH! FINE, THEN!
CLATTER!
HUH?
I SWEAR, THIS IS ALL SO MUCH TROUBLE...
I'LL GO!
WOW, HOW INTERESTED!
CLAP CLAP
YOUR BROTHER CERTAINLY IS STUBBORN!
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, YOU CAN TELL THEY'RE CRAZY ABOUT EACH OTHER!
HUH? REALLY?
IT DOESN'T LOOK THAT WAY TO M-
IT'S NOT MY PLACE TO BUTT IN ON A LOVERS' SPAT BUT AT THIS RATE, THE COMPANY ITSELF IS IN DANGER
YOU'RE HIS FAMILY — DO SOMETHING!
THAT'S EASIER SAID THAN DONE— AS YOU CAN SEE. I'LL JUST GET BEAT UP
SCARS FROM BEATING
I JUST HAD A PHONE CALL FROM HIM TELLING ME HE'S TOO SICK TO COME IN. BUT IT WAS SO OBVIOUSLY A LIE
WHAT?! HE'S REFUSING TO COME TO WORK?!
HE EVEN CANCELLED A MAGAZINE INTERVIEW HE HAD TODAY
MEETING ROOM B
IN USE
THERE'S ONLY ONE REASON WHEN OUR PRESIDENT GETS LIKE THIS—
AND IT'S YOUR BROTHER
WHAT IS GOING ON?!
A MIXER?!
GOING TO A MIXER AS A COUPLE AND THEN FIGHTING ABOUT IT?! WHAT IS HE, STUPID?!
WELL UH— MY BROTHER INSISTS THAT THEY'RE NOT A COUPLE
WELL, IT'S LIKE THIS.
YOU'RE SHARP AS ALWAYS, KAWAHARA-SAN
YOU'VE HIT THE NAIL ON THE HEAD

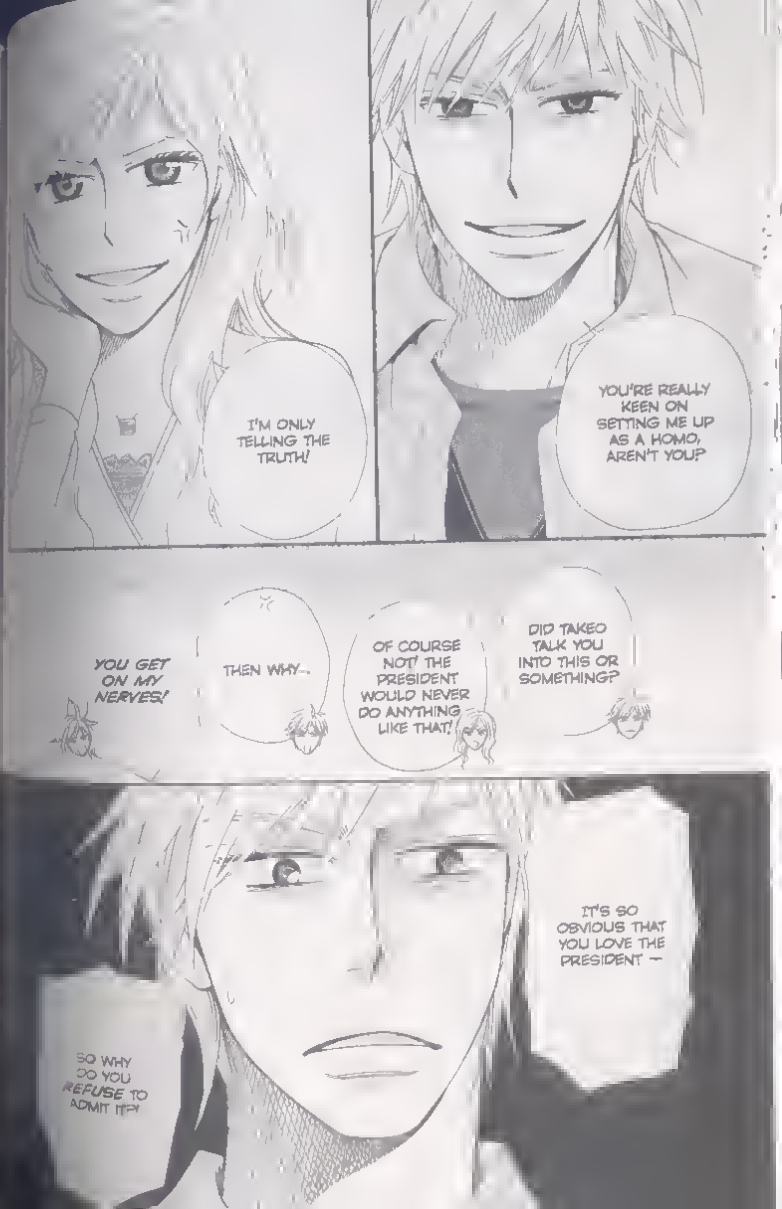
Denny's
Denny's
BARGING IN ON ME SO SUDDENLY
SO?!
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT?!
I WANT YOU TO MAKE UP WITH THE PRESIDENT!
THE PRESIDENT IS USELESS IN THE STATE HE'S IN NOW, AND WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO!
IT'S NOTHING TO DO WITH ME PERSONALLY!
IT'S FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMPANY!
SNAP!
WHY DO I HAVE TO BE ORDERED AROUND BY YOU?
WHO IS IT?
?
DING DONG
YES?!
GOOD EVE-NING!
STOMP
KCHAR
ガチャ
SMILE
IT'S BEEN AWHILE, I'M KAWAHARA
SORRY TO DISTURB YOU SO LATE
DO WE REALLY HAVE TO STAND HERE WHILE WE TALK? IT'D BE BETTER IF I CAME IN WOULDN'T IT?
NO, IT WOULDN'T!
GAH!
WHAT? YOU? WHAT DID YOU COME HERE F- .

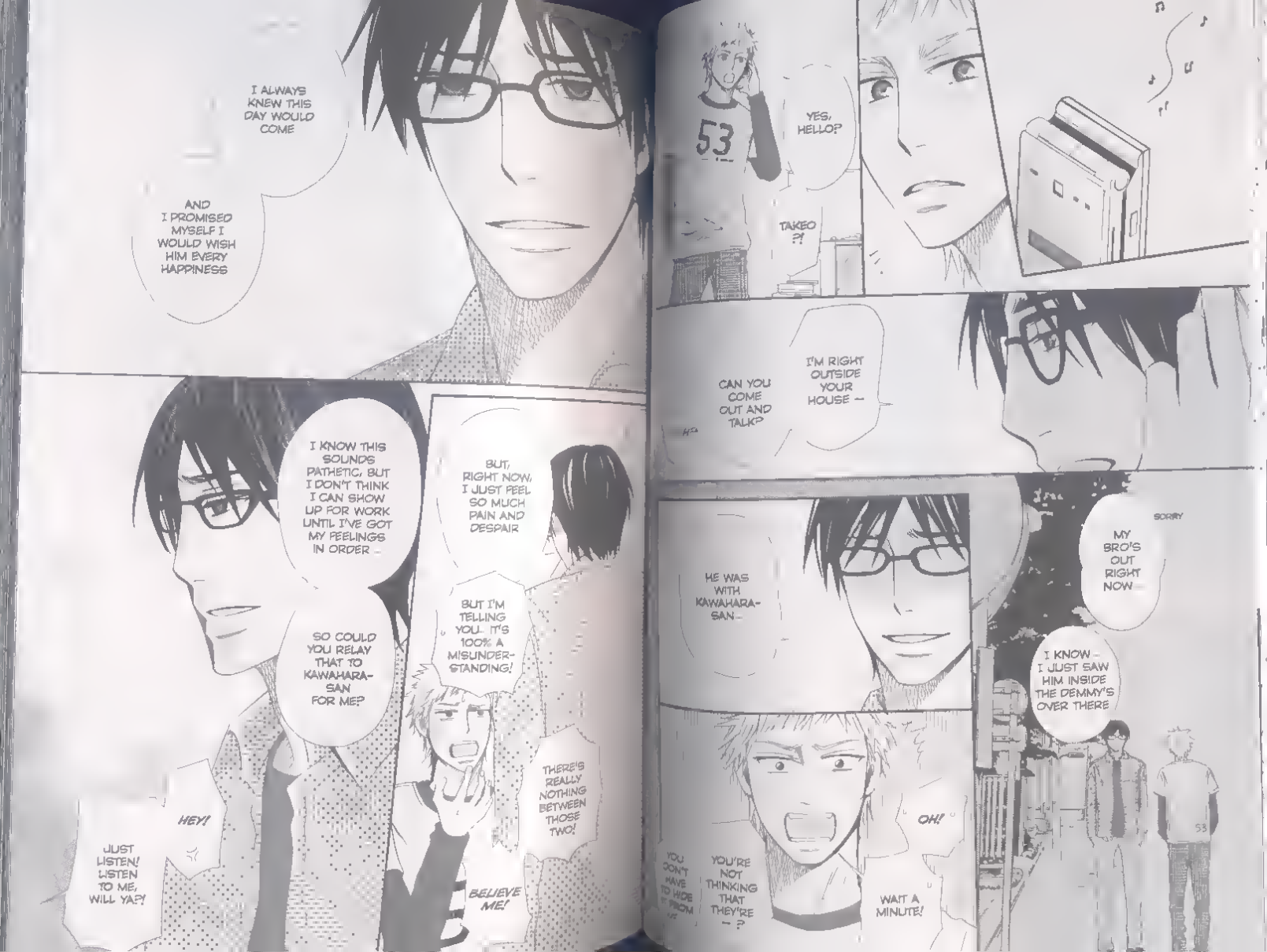
AREN'T YOU EMBARRASSED TO CALL YOURSELF A FULL-GROWN MAN?!
UM...
I JUST REMEMBERED, I'VE GOT SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO DO SO I'M LEAV-
ARRGH!
STAND
DON'T RUN AWAY!
BUT THIS SEEMS LIKE IT'LL BE TOO MUCH TROUBLE.
COME ON! SIT DOWN!
I FEEL LIKE GETTING EVERYTHING OUT IN THE OPEN WITH YOU TODAY
I'LL LISTEN TO YOUR TROUBLES, IF YOU LIKE.
I REALLY HATE THIS WOMAN.
SO I'M TO BLAME FOR HIS BEING IN A USELESS STATE?!
AND DIDN'T YOU HAVE YOUR OWN EYE ON TAKEO ?!
HOW RUDE!
I'M NOT SO LOW AS TO WANT SOMETHING THAT BELONGS TO SOMEONE ELSE!
ASSERTION!
IT'S NOT THAT I'VE GOT A MISUNDER-STANDING.
ZING!
IT'S THAT YOU ARE REFUSING TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR OWN FEELINGS!
HUH?!
OH
NO, I DON'T!
DON'T TELL ME..YOU STILL HAVE SOME KIND OF MISUNDER-STANDING, DON'T YOU?!
YES, YOU DO! YOU DEFINITELY DO!

ATM
I WISH I COULD SEE FUN-CHAN, EVEN IF JUST BY CHANCE.
HUH?!


A LITTLE TIPSY.
AFTER SEEING THE PRESIDENT GET ALL THE ATTENTION AT THIS MIXER OF YOURS...
THEN LET ME ASK YOU THIS.
..WHY DID YOU FEEL ANNOYED?
THE CONVERSATION WAS GOING NOWHERE SOBER SO THEY ORDERED SOME BEERS TO HELP THEM GET STARTED.
I DUNNO NO REASON, REALLY..
SO WHY ARE YOU IGNORING THE PRESIDENT IN THE FIRST PLACE?
I JUST GOT KIND OF ANNOYED...
YOUR JEALOUSY WASN'T TOWARD THE PRESIDENT IT WAS TOWARD THE GIRLS HITTING ON HIM, WASN'T IT?!
!
UGH -- SHUT UP ALREADY!
LIKE I SAID!
I DON'T WANNA ADMIT THIS BUT I WAS JEALOUS OF TAKEO!
WHAT'S IT TO YA?!
WRONG!
WHADDAYA MEAN, "WRONG"?!
"KIND OF ANNOYED"?!
THAT'S JUST PROOF YOU CARE ABOUT HIM!
WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER A LONG TIME OF COURSE I CARE A LITTLE ABOUT HIM
YOU ARE JUST— SO
DENIAL!
WHAT?!


DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN STAY "JUST FRIENDS"—
MOR-..?!
ME AND TAKEO ARE FRIENDS AND THAT'S ENOUGH
MORON!
WHEN THE OTHER SIDE IS ALREADY TOTALLY IN "LOVERS" MODE?!
ARE YOU STUPID OR SOMETHING?!


I'M ONLY TELLING THE TRUTH!
YOU'RE REALLY KEEN ON SETTING ME UP AS A HOMO, AREN'T YOU?
YOU GET ON MY NERVES!
THEN WHY--
OF COURSE NOT! THE PRESIDENT WOULD NEVER DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT!
DID TAKEO TALK YOU INTO THIS OR SOMETHING?
SO WHY DO YOU REFUSE TO ADMIT IT?
IT'S SO OBVIOUS THAT YOU LOVE THE PRESIDENT —


I ALWAYS KNEW THIS DAY WOULD COME
AND I PROMISED MYSELF I WOULD WISH HIM EVERY HAPPINESS
I KNOW THIS SOUNDS PATHETIC, BUT I DON'T THINK I CAN SHOW UP FOR WORK UNTIL I'VE GOT MY FEELINGS IN ORDER...
SO COULD YOU RELAY THAT TO KAWAHARA-SAN FOR ME?
HEY!
JUST LISTEN! LISTEN TO ME, WILL YA?!
BUT, RIGHT NOW, I JUST FEEL SO MUCH PAIN AND DESPAIR
BUT I'M TELLING YOU... IT'S 100% A MISUNDER-STANDING!
THERE'S REALLY NOTHING BETWEEN THOSE TWO!
BELIEVE ME!
YES, HELLO?
TAKEO ?!
I'M RIGHT OUTSIDE YOUR HOUSE --
CAN YOU COME OUT AND TALK?
HE WAS WITH KAWAHARA-SAN...
YOU'RE NOT THINKING THAT THEY'RE -- ?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO HIDE IT FROM ME
OH!
WAIT A MINUTE!
SORRY
MY BRO'S OUT RIGHT NOW...
I KNOW -- I JUST SAW HIM INSIDE THE DEMMY'S OVER THERE
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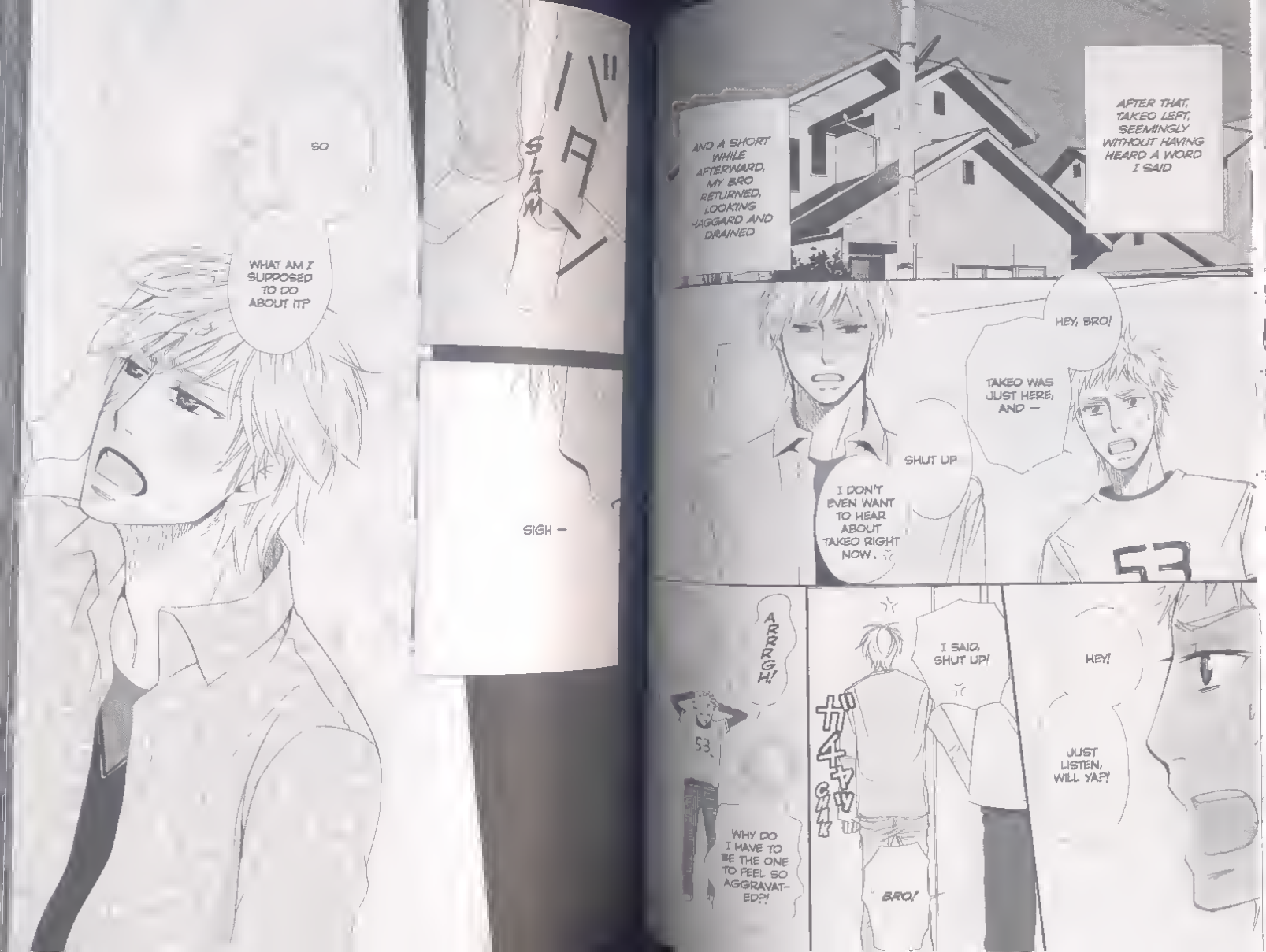
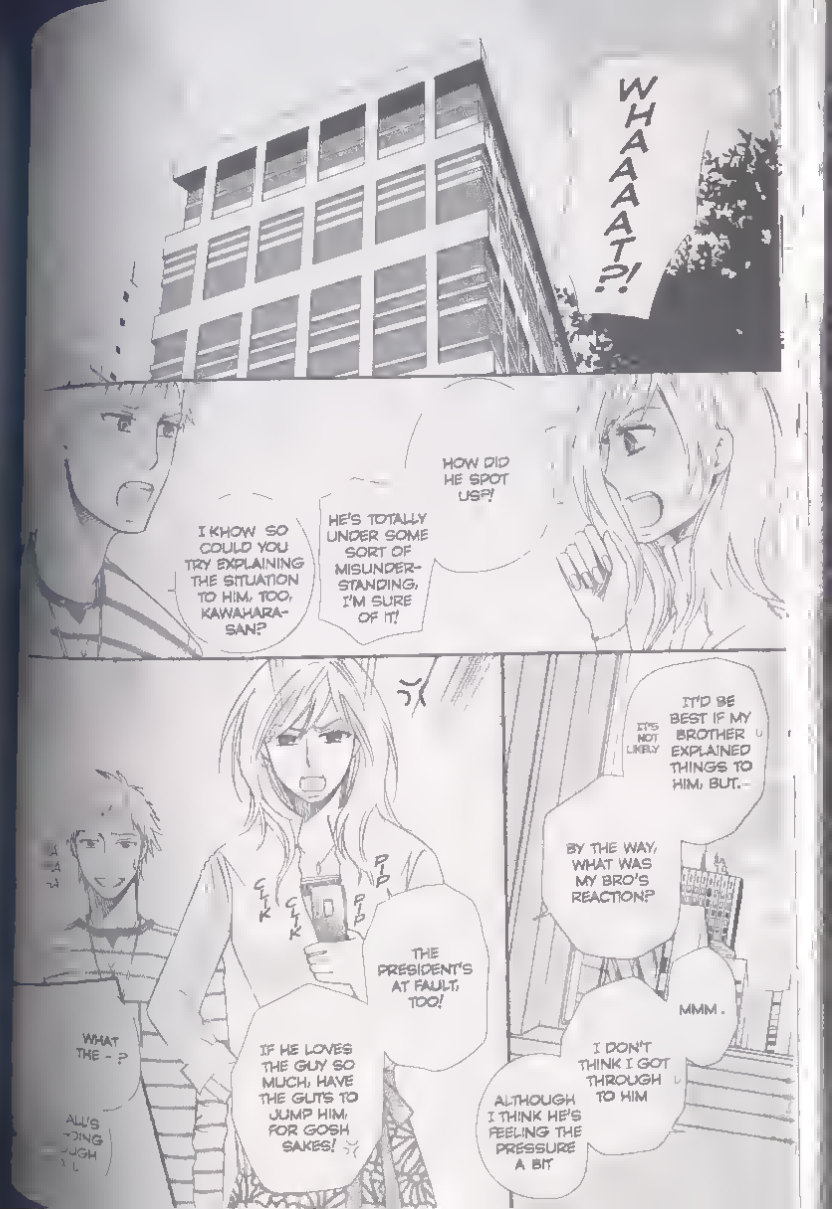

AND A SHORT WHILE AFTERWARD, MY BRO RETURNED, LOOKING HAGGARD AND DRAINED
AFTER THAT, TAKEO LEFT, SEEMINGLY WITHOUT HAVING HEARD A WORD I SAID
HEY, BRO!
TAKEO WAS JUST HERE, AND —
SHUT UP
I DON'T EVEN WANT TO HEAR ABOUT TAKEO RIGHT NOW.
53
ARRGH!
53
WHY DO I HAVE TO BE THE ONE TO FEEL SO AGGRAVATED?!
I SAID, SHUT UP!
BRO!
HEY!
JUST LISTEN, WILL YA?!
SO
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO ABOUT IT?
SLAM
SIGH —

WHAT IS IT?
I NEED TO HAVE A SERIOUS TALK WITH YOU
THAT OKAY?
HM?
BRO!
NOW THERE'S NOTHING ELSE WE CAN DO BUT GET MY BROTHER INVOLVED
IT'S ABOUT TAKEO
I'LL COME STRAIGHT TO THE POINT RIGHT NOW; HE'S REALLY IN A BAD PLACE OVER YOU
THEN YESTERDAY, HE SAW YOU AND KAWAHARA-SAN TOGETHER AND TOTALLY GOT THE WRONG IDEA
I'VE BEEN CALLING AND E-MAILING HIM ALL DAY, BUT I CAN'T GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM AT ALL.
TO BE HONEST, I'M A LITTLE WORRIED.


WHAAAAT?!
HOW DID HE SPOT US?!
HE'S TOTALLY UNDER SOME SORT OF MISUNDERSTANDING, I'M SURE OF IT!
I KNOW SO COULD YOU TRY EXPLAINING THE SITUATION TO HIM, TOO, KAWAHARA-SAN?
IT'D BE BEST IF MY BROTHER EXPLAINED THINGS TO HIM, BUT...
IT'S NOT LIKELY
BY THE WAY, WHAT WAS MY BRO'S REACTION?
MMM.
I DON'T THINK I GOT THROUGH TO HIM
ALTHOUGH I THINK HE'S FEELING THE PRESSURE A BIT
THE PRESIDENT'S AT FAULT, TOO!
IF HE LOVES THE GUY SO MUCH, HAVE THE GUTS TO JUMP HIM, FOR GOSH SAKES!
WHAT THE - ?

SO –
I'LL GO SEE HIM AND MAKE THINGS CLEAR, ONCE AND FOR ALL
!
BRO!
THAT'S OKAY WITH YOU RIGHT?!
Zip
YES!
IT'S GOT TO BE YOU, BRO!
EVEN IF I GO, I KNOW HE WON'T SEE ME!
I WANT YOU TO GO SEE HOW HE'S DOING
WHSH
I KNOW THAT YOU LOVE HIM, TOO, BRO
SHOGO
Y'SEE –
AFTER THAT WOMAN GAVE ME HER TALK, I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT HOW IT IS I FEEL ABOUT TAKEO, TOO .
. BUT I STILL DON'T REALLY HAVE AN ANSWER.

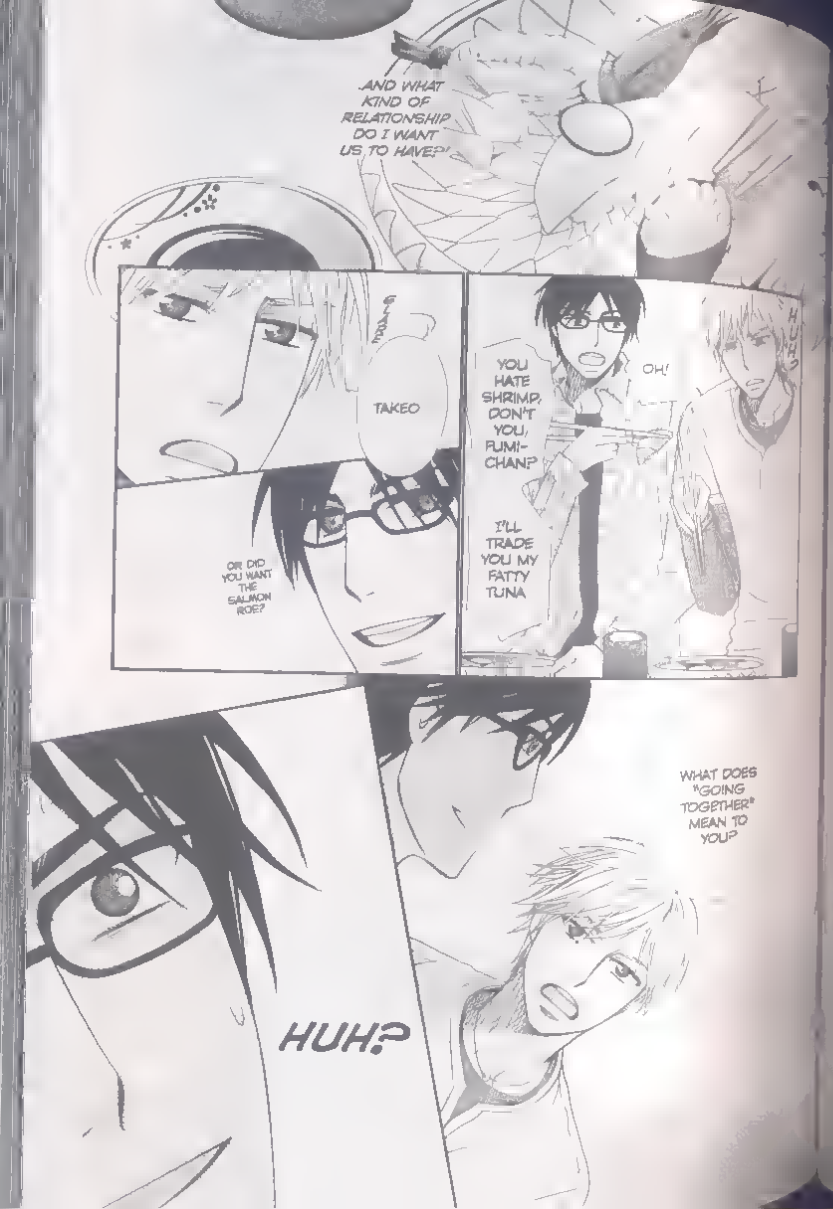
HMP
THUD!
FUMI-CHAN?!
HAVING SAID THAT
PIP
PIP
PIP
HE'S SO DESPERATE, I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE MIGHT DO...
HE WON'T ANSWER...
AUTO-LOCK

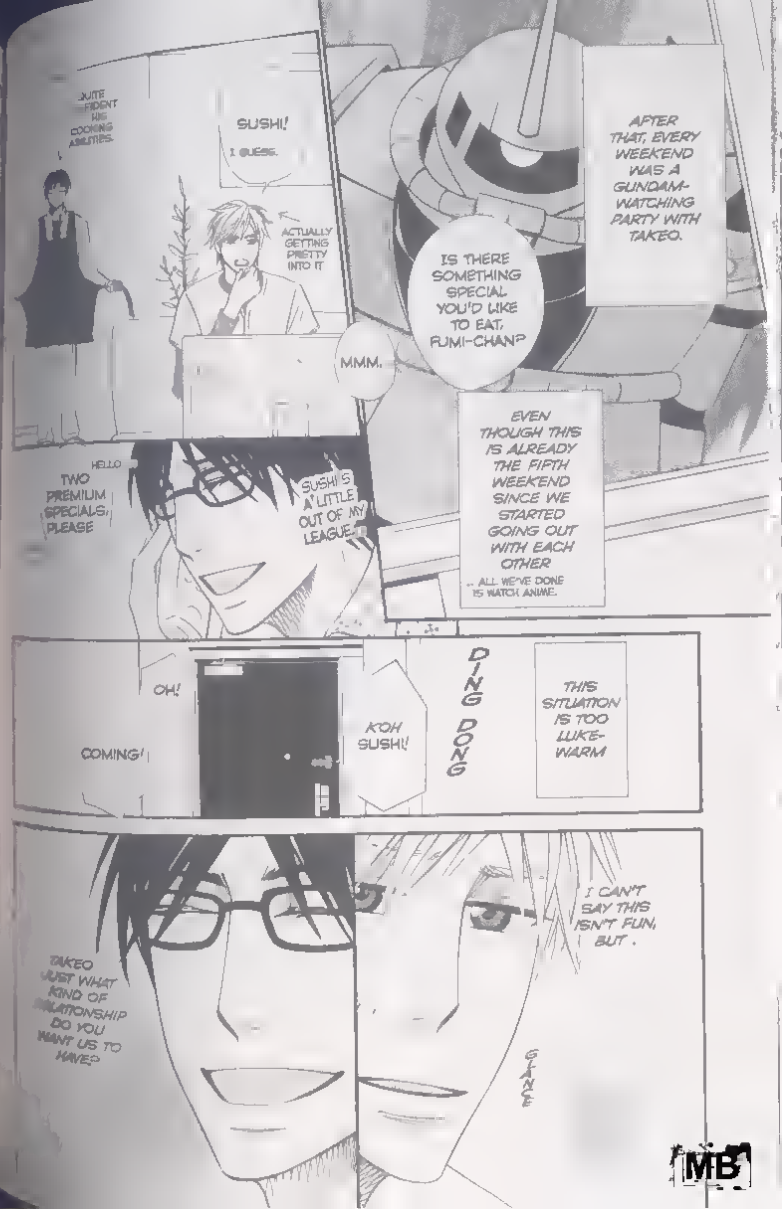
YOU MUST REAAALLY LOVE ME... DON'T YOU...
I DO.
I'VE TOLD YOU, OVER AND OVER!
YEAH, YOU HAVE!
HAHA...
FUMI-CHAN...
SHIC
SHIC
HEY
SQK
TAKEO...
WHOA!
WHUMP!
HUG

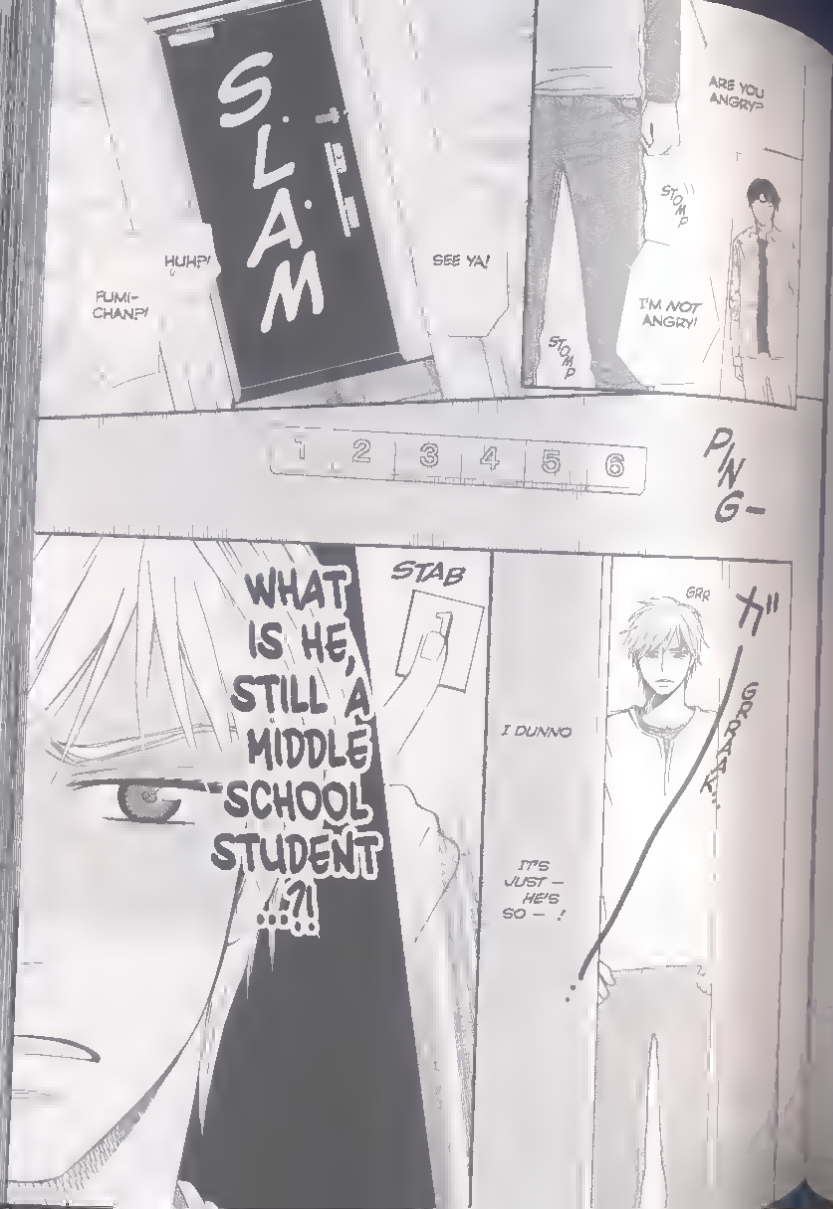
HOT
STEAMY
SEDUCTION

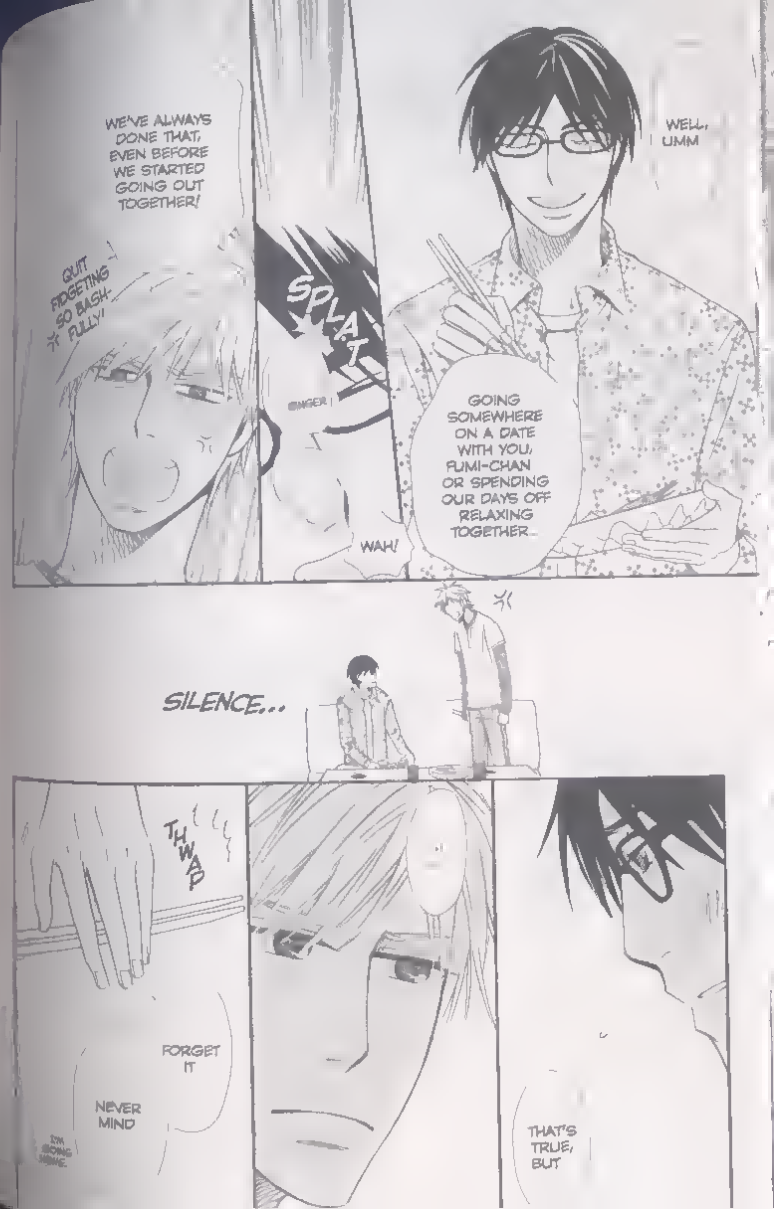
I GUESS WE SHOULD BE A COUPLE, THEN!
WHAT?
HUH ?!
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BE WITH ME THAT'S FINE, TOO
I DON'T CARE EITHER WAY
B-
BUT, AREN'T YOU AND KAWAHARA-SAN SEEING EACH OTHER?!
I WONDER IF EVERY-THING'S OKAY.
MY BROTHER NEVER CAME HOME THAT NIGHT

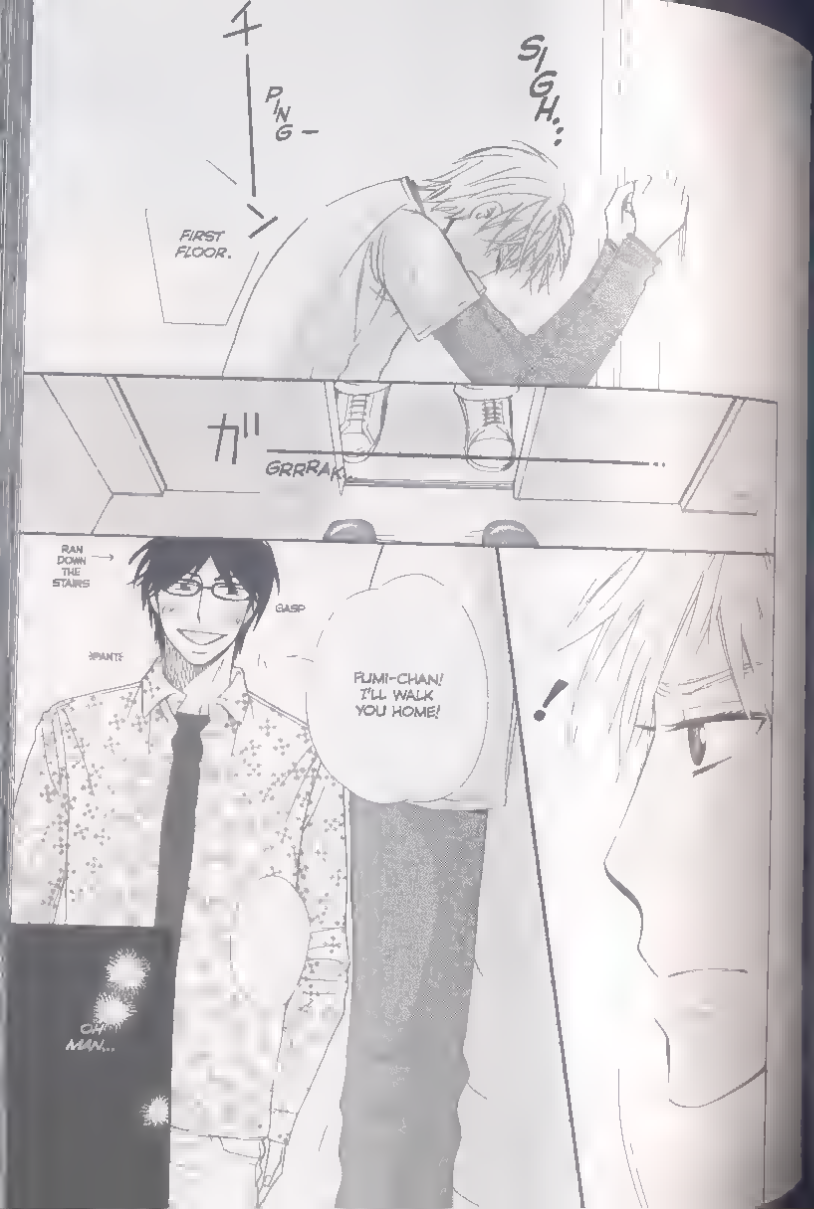
I'M SORRY. .
. FOR TRYING TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING LIKE THIS WHEN I KNOW YOU DON'T LIKE ANIME, FUMI-CHAN
I'M AN IDIOT.
HUH?
I DON'T PARTICULARLY HATE IT, YOU KNOW
WHAT?!
WHAT I HATE IS THE MOEH-TYPE FAN-SERVICE GENRE! I TOLD YOU THAT!
BUT IF IT'S GUNDAM, I'LL WATCH IT WITH YOU
FUMI-CHAN.
THE NIGHT I DECIDED TO START GOING OUT WITH TAKEO
IF YOU'RE CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT TWO MEN DID TOGETHER ALL NIGHT LONG.
OH, THAT'S RIGHT. THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO SHOW YOU, FUMI-CHAN!!
HM? WHAT IS IT?
DVD BOX SET OF WHAT?
HUH?!
EH?!
THE ORIGINAL GUNDAM SERIES DVD BOX SET I PRE-ORDERED SIX MONTHS AGO FINALLY ARRN-

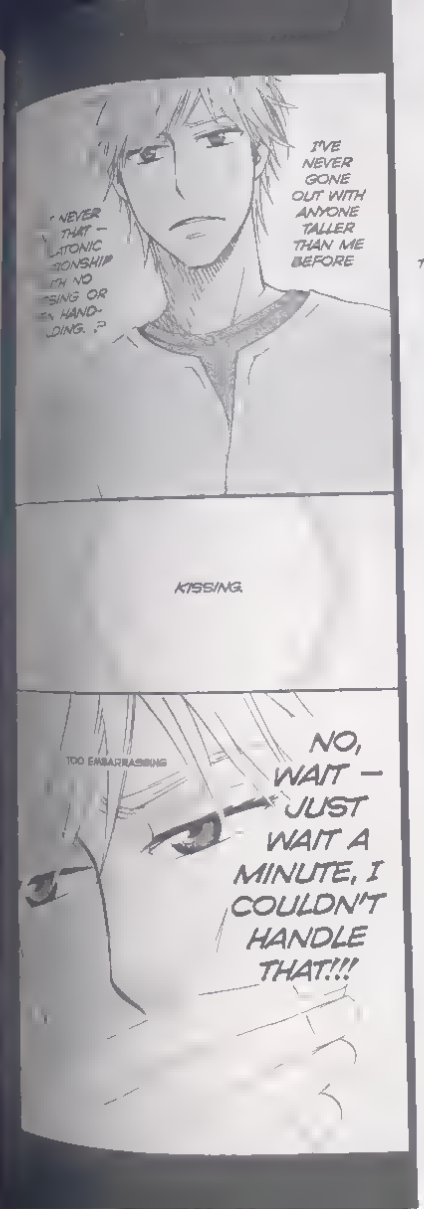

AND WHAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP DO I WANT US TO HAVE?!
GLARE
TAKEO
OR DID YOU WANT THE SALMON ROE?
YOU HATE SHRIMP, DON'T YOU, FUMI-CHAN?
I'LL TRADE YOU MY FATTY TUNA
OH!
HUH?
WHAT DOES "GOING TOGETHER" MEAN TO YOU?
HUH?


QUITE FIDENT HIS COOKING ABILITIES.
SUSHI!
I GUESS.
ACTUALLY GETTING PRETTY INTO IT
AFTER THAT, EVERY WEEKEND WAS A GUNDAM-WATCHING PARTY WITH TAKEO.
IS THERE SOMETHING SPECIAL YOU'D LIKE TO EAT, FUMI-CHAN?
MMM.
EVEN THOUGH THIS IS ALREADY THE FIFTH WEEKEND SINCE WE STARTED GOING OUT WITH EACH OTHER
.. ALL WE'VE DONE IS WATCH ANIME.
HELLO
TWO PREMIUM SPECIALS, PLEASE
SUSHI IS A LITTLE OUT OF MY LEAGUE...
OH!
COMING!
K'OH SUSHI!
DING DONG
THIS SITUATION IS TOO LUKE-WARM
TAKEO JUST WHAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP DO YOU WANT US TO HAVE?
GLARE
I CAN'T SAY THIS ISN'T FUN, BUT .


S.L.A.M
HUH?!
FUMI-CHAN?!
SEE YA!
ARE YOU ANGRY?
STOMP
STOMP
I'M NOT ANGRY!
1 2 3 4 5 6
PING-
WHAT IS HE, STILL A MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT...?!
STAB
I DUNNO
IT'S JUST — HE'S SO — !
GRR
GRRAA!

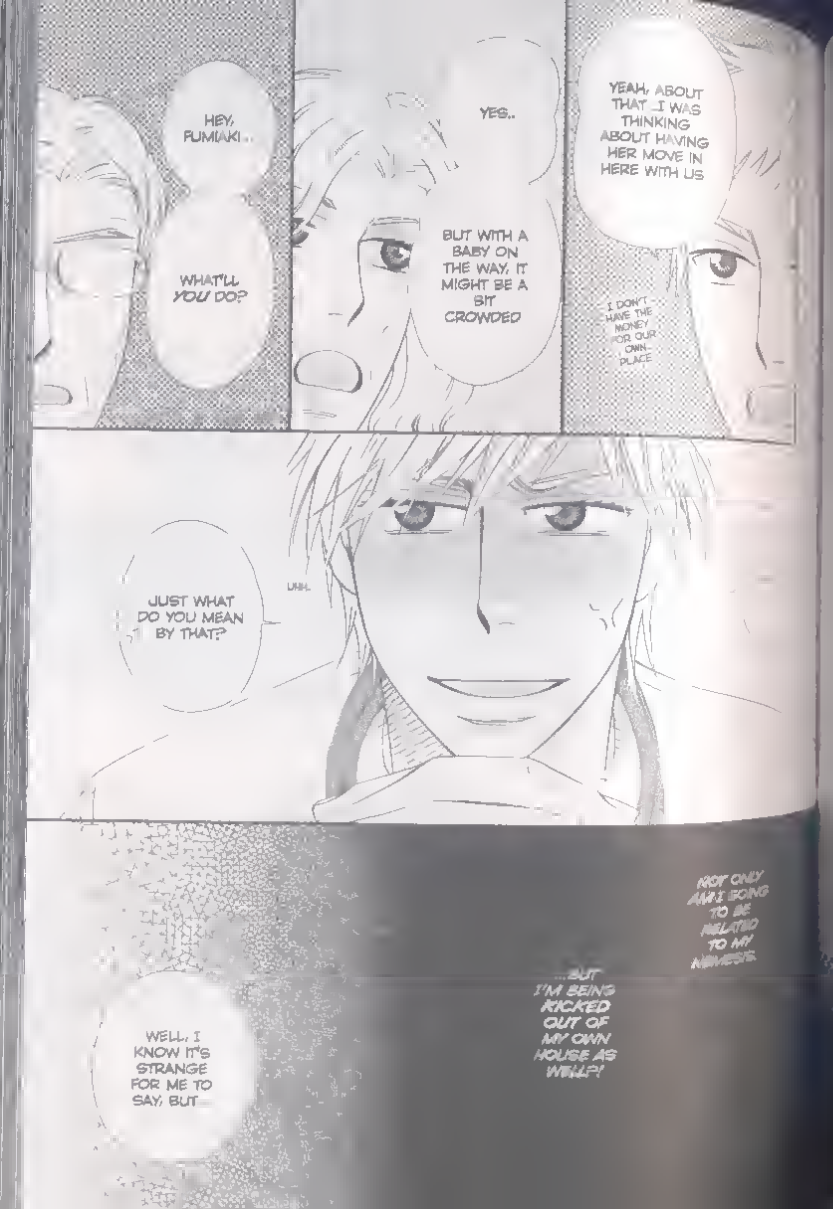

WE'VE ALWAYS DONE THAT, EVEN BEFORE WE STARTED GOING OUT TOGETHER!
QUIT FIDGETING SO BASHFULLY!
SPLAT
ANGER
WELL, UMM
GOING SOMEWHERE ON A DATE WITH YOU, FUMI-CHAN OR SPENDING OUR DAYS OFF RELAXING TOGETHER...
WAH!
SILENCE...
THWAP
FORGET IT
NEVER MIND
I'M GOING HOME.
THAT'S TRUE, BUT

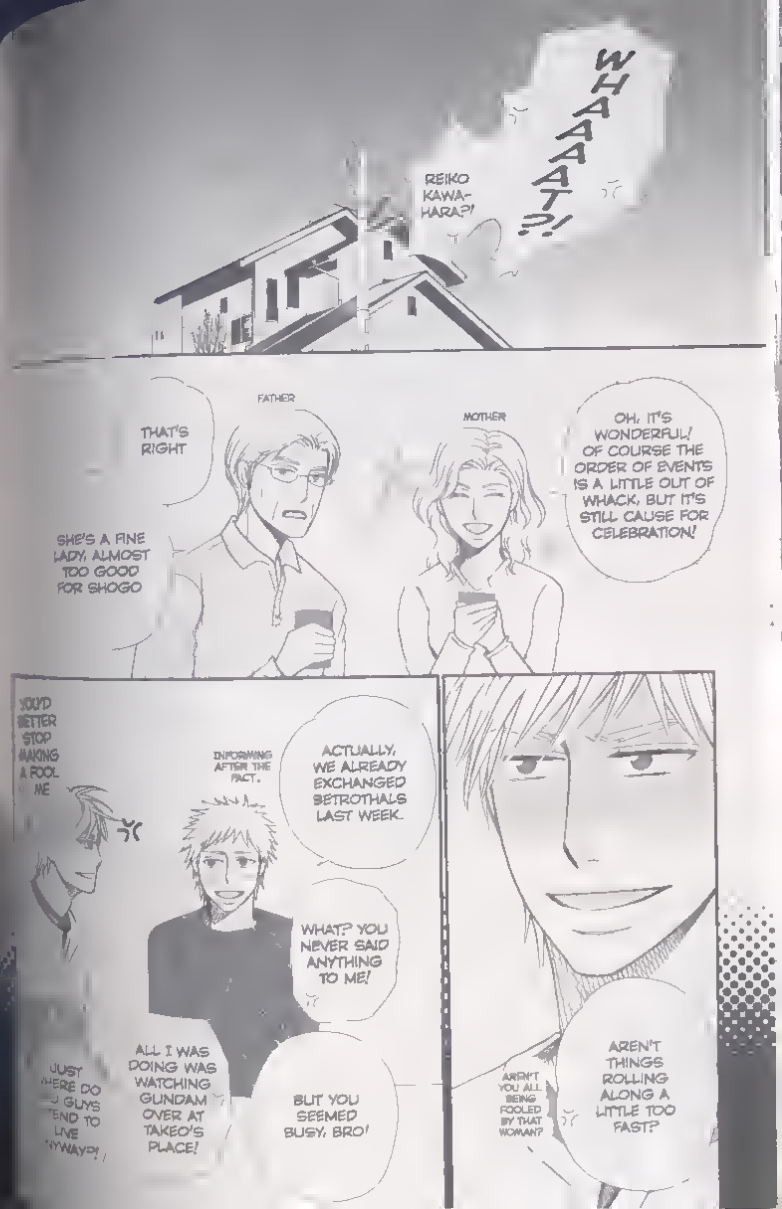

PING—
FIRST FLOOR.
SIGH...
GRRRAK
RAN DOWN THE STAIRS
GASP
PANTS
FUMI-CHAN! I'LL WALK YOU HOME!
!
OH MAN...

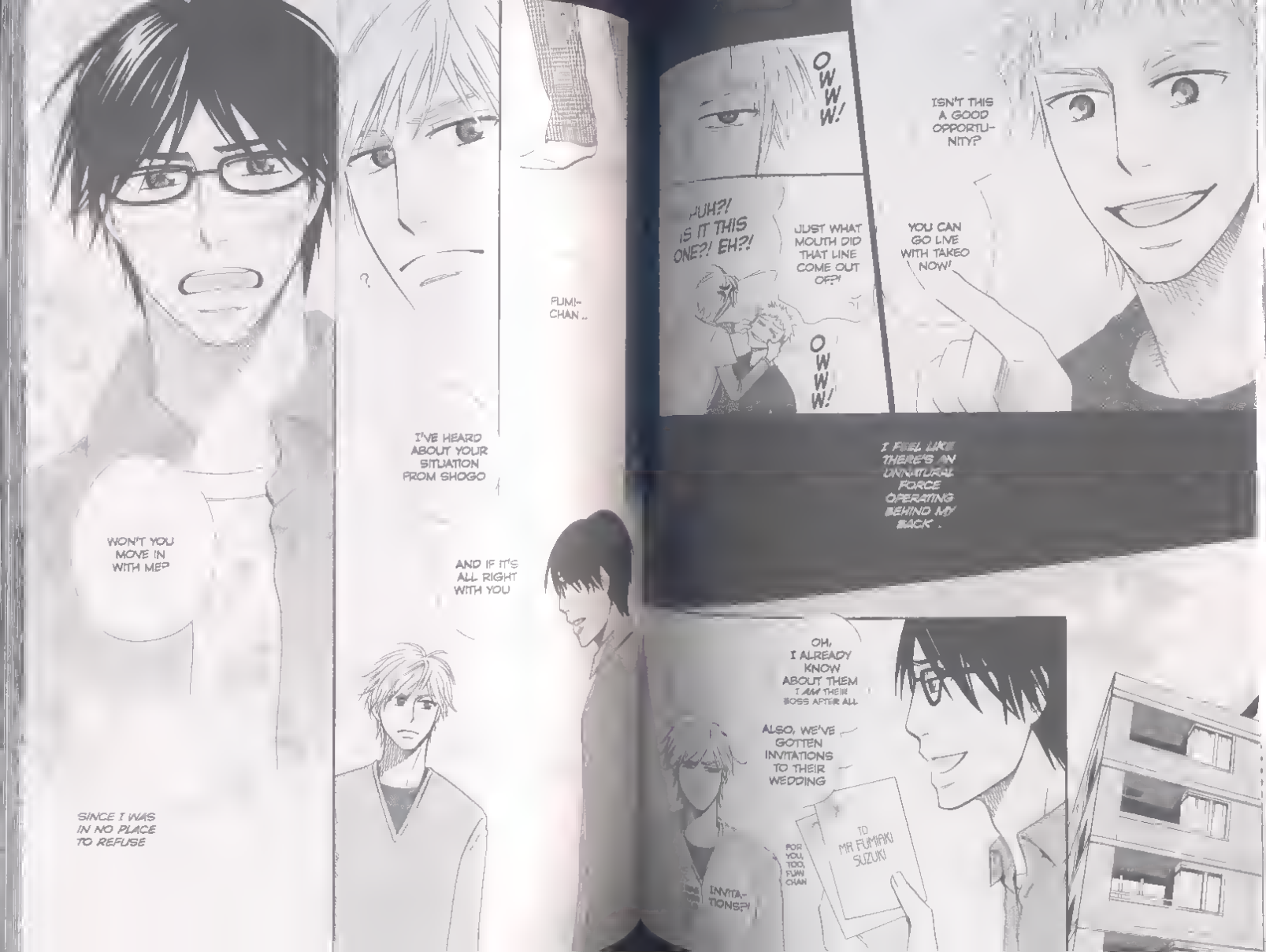

I'VE NEVER GONE OUT WITH ANYONE TALLER THAN ME BEFORE
KISSING.
TOO EMBARRASSING
NO, WAIT — JUST WAIT A MINUTE, I COULDN'T HANDLE THAT!!!

I'M ALMOST THIRTY YEARS OLD!
"GOING TOGETHER" = "SEX" — I'M SURE I'M NOT MISTAKEN ON THAT POINT
SIGH.
BUT THIS IS MY FIRST TIME GOING OUT WITH A MAN I DON'T KNOW HOW TO BROACH IT

WHAT IS IT YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT?
YOUR ROOM SURE IS DUSTY
UM... I KNOW THIS IS SUDDEN AND EVERYTHING, BUT —
HEY, BRO BRO!
HMP
I WANNA TALK TO YOU
TALK?
—GETTING MARRIED.
I'M—
YOU SEE, THERE'S A BABY —
OH NO DON'T TELL ME—
WHAT ARE YOU, A MONKEY IN HEAT?! USE CONTRACEPTION!
WHO'S THE GIRL?!
UMM WELL.
OWWW!
PINNNCH-
WHAT?!
I'M GETTING MARRIED.
WHAT ARE YOU RUSHING INTO THINGS FOR?!
TAKEO.
WAIT A MINUTE HE'S BEEN IN LOVE WITH ME AND ONLY ME EVER SINCE JUNIOR HIGH WHICH MEANS
WHY DO YOU LOVE ME SO MUCH ?
WHAT'S WITH HIS AIR OF INNOCENCE ANYWAY?! (IT'S NOT CONDUCIVE TO STEERING THINGS IN THAT DIRECTION)
DOES HE NTEND TO " ON WITH THIS PURE, PLATONIC RELATIONSHIP FOREVER?!
H...
HE'S A VIRGIN ?!
STAGGER.
YIKES.
HUH?
WHAT'S WRONG?
NO HE CAN'T BE NAH


HEY, FUMIAKI...
WHAT'LL YOU DO?
YES..
BUT WITH A BABY ON THE WAY, IT MIGHT BE A BIT CROWDED
YEAH, ABOUT THAT...I WAS THINKING ABOUT HAVING HER MOVE IN HERE WITH US
I DON'T HAVE THE MONEY FOR OUR OWN PLACE
UHH..
JUST WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
WELL, I KNOW IT'S STRANGE FOR ME TO SAY, BUT...
...BUT I'M BEING KICKED OUT OF MY OWN HOUSE AS WELL?!
NOT ONLY AM I GOING TO BE RELATED TO MY NEMESIS

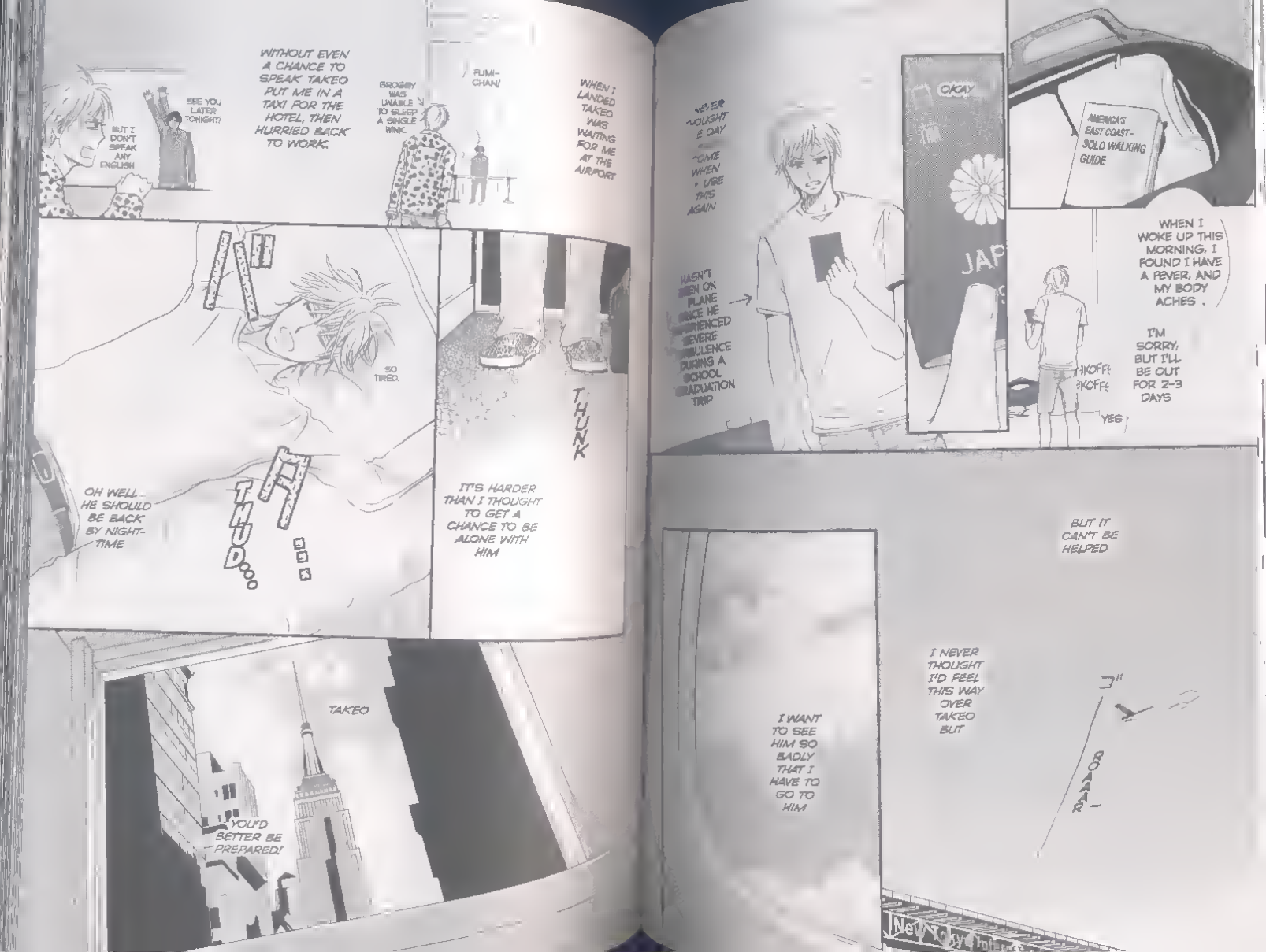

WHAAAAT?!
REIKO KAWAHARA?!
FATHER
MOTHER
THAT'S RIGHT
SHE'S A FINE LADY, ALMOST TOO GOOD FOR SHOGO
OH, IT'S WONDERFUL! OF COURSE THE ORDER OF EVENTS IS A LITTLE OUT OF WHACK, BUT IT'S STILL CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION!
YOU'D BETTER STOP MAKING A FOOL OF ME
INFORMING AFTER THE FACT.
ACTUALLY, WE ALREADY EXCHANGED BETROTHALS LAST WEEK.
WHAT? YOU NEVER SAID ANYTHING TO ME!
JUST WHERE DO YOU GUYS INTEND TO LIVE ANYWAY?!
ALL I WAS DOING WAS WATCHING GUNDAM OVER AT TAKEO'S PLACE!
BUT YOU SEEMED BUSY, BRO!
AREN'T YOU ALL BEING FOOLED BY THAT WOMAN?
AREN'T THINGS ROLLING ALONG A LITTLE TOO FAST?


WON'T YOU MOVE IN WITH ME?
SINCE I WAS IN NO PLACE TO REFUSE
?
FUMI-CHAN..
I'VE HEARD ABOUT YOUR SITUATION FROM SHOGO
AND IF IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH YOU
OWW!
HUH?! IS IT THIS ONE?! EH?!
JUST WHAT MOUTH DID THAT LINE COME OUT OF?!
OWWW!
ISN'T THIS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY?
YOU CAN GO LIVE WITH TAKEO NOW!
I FEEL LIKE THERE'S AN UNNATURAL FORCE OPERATING BEHIND MY BACK.
OH, I ALREADY KNOW ABOUT THEM I AM THEIR BOSS AFTER ALL
ALSO, WE'VE GOTTEN INVITATIONS TO THEIR WEDDING
TO MR. FUMIAKI SUZUKI
FOR YOU, TOO, FUMI-CHAN
INVITATIONS?!

MB
OH WELL
I'LL MAKE YOUR FAVORITE SALISBURY STEAK TONIGHT!
I'M PRETTY HAPPY, TOO I GUESS.
TAKEO LOOKS HAPPY SO I GUESS IT'S OKAY
- BUT WAIT -
I MOVED INTO TAKEO'S PLACE THAT WEEKEND.
IS THIS ALL YOU HAVE ?
LET ME KNOW IF YOU NEED ANYTHING, OKAY?
IT'S NOT MY HABIT TO ACCUMULATE POSSESSIONS
VE GOT EVERYTHING I NEED THERE
IT FELT MORE LIKE WE WERE ROOMMATES THAN A COUPLE LIVING TOGETHER, BUT
AGAIN, JUST A FRIENDLY ROUND OF GAMES THAT NIGHT THEN OFF TO SLEEP
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHK
COME HOME PROPERLY, OKAY?
THIS IS YOUR HOUSE FROM NOW ON.
HERE'S YOUR KEY
YOU KNOW, THAT THOUGHT SEES ME OFF SOMEHOW
FUMI-CHAN!

HUH?!
HE'S NOT HERE.
SILENCE
FUMI CHAN,
I HAVE TO GO ON A SUDDEN BUSINESS TRIP SO I'LL BE GONE FOR ABOUT A WEEK. I'LL CALL YOU AS SOON AS I GET TO NEW YORK.
*BE SURE TO WARM UP THE STEAK BEFORE
STOMP
STOMP
OOH, SMELLS GOOD!
HEY, TAKEO! AREN'T YOU HOME A BIT EARLY TODAY?
KA-TUNK
AT LEAST IT IS TO ME
CLATTER
RATTL
A HEALTHY SEX LIFE IS IMPORTANT TO A RELATIONSHIP, ISN'T IT?
KA-TU
KA-TUNK
IS THIS REALLY OKAY?
SIGH SO I GUESS WHAT IT BOILS DOWN TO IS THAT I WANT TO DO IT WITH TAKEO
NEW YORK...?!
SO FAR AWAY
WHAT THE...
SLUMP
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO ABOUT MY HORNINESS...?
I'M HOME!
EVEN IF HE RESISTS, I'M GONNA FORCE HIM!
AT THIS POINT, I'M MORE FRUSTRATED THAN EMBARRASSED...
THROB
THROB
I'LL TRY MAKING MY MOVE TONIGHT
SQUEEEZE

THE NEXT MORNING, I WAS AWAKENED BY A PHONE CALL FROM TAKEO.
GOOD MORNING HOW WAS THE SALISBURY STEAK?
I WAS IN A HURRY SO I DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO TASTE IT MYSELF
IT WAS GOOD
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
EVERYTHING WAS SO RUSHED THAT I FORGOT SOME IMPORTANT PAPERS THERE AT HOME...
HUH?! IS SHE...
HA HA HA...
BUT DON'T TELL ME YOU CALLED JUST TO ASK ME THAT?
!
SO IN OTHER WORDS, YOU WANT ME TO SEND THE PAPERS OUT TO YOU?
SO THAT'S WHAT YOU WOKE ME UP AT 5 IN THE MORNING FOR.
WELL, ACTUALLY..
I JUST WANTED TO HEAR YOUR VOICE, FUMI-CHAN—
HA HA.
MUMBLE
HUH?
I CAN BRING THE IMPORTANT PAPERS TO YOU—THERE
BUT I'M IN AMERI-CA.
MUMBLE
I KNOW THAT!
HEY TAKEO,
YES?
BUT YOU CAN'T RIDE AIRPLANES... ISN'T THAT RIGHT, FUMI-CHAN?
IT'S NOT THAT I CAN'T I JUST DON'T!
I'M SAYING I'LL BRING THEM TO YOU, SO SHUT UP AND WAIT FOR ME!
HUH?!
BUT FUMI-CHAN!?
BEEP- BEEP-
YES, THAT'S RIGHT


"SEE YOU LATER TONIGHT!"
BUT I DON'T SPEAK ANY ENGLISH
WITHOUT EVEN A CHANCE TO SPEAK TAKEO PUT ME IN A TAXI FOR THE HOTEL, THEN HURRIED BACK TO WORK.
GROGGY WAS UNABLE TO SLEEP A SINGLE WINK.
FUMI-CHAN!
WHEN I LANDED TAKEO WAS WAITING FOR ME AT THE AIRPORT
SO TIRED.
THUD...
OH WELL- HE SHOULD BE BACK BY NIGHT-TIME
THUNK
IT'S HARDER THAN I THOUGHT TO GET A CHANCE TO BE ALONE WITH HIM
TAKEO
YOU'D BETTER BE PREPARED!
NEVER THOUGHT E DAY
COME WHEN USE THIS AGAIN
HASN'T BEEN ON PLANE SINCE HE EXPERIENCED SEVERE TURBULENCE DURING A SCHOOL GRADUATION TRIP
OKAY
JAP
AMERICA'S EAST COAST- SOLO WALKING GUIDE
WHEN I WOKE UP THIS MORNING, I FOUND I HAVE A FEVER, AND MY BODY ACHES.
I'M SORRY, BUT I'LL BE OUT FOR 2-3 DAYS
KOFF
KOFF
YES
BUT IT CAN'T BE HELPED
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D FEEL THIS WAY OVER TAKEO BUT
I WANT TO SEE HIM SO BADLY THAT I HAVE TO GO TO HIM
SOAR-
New York

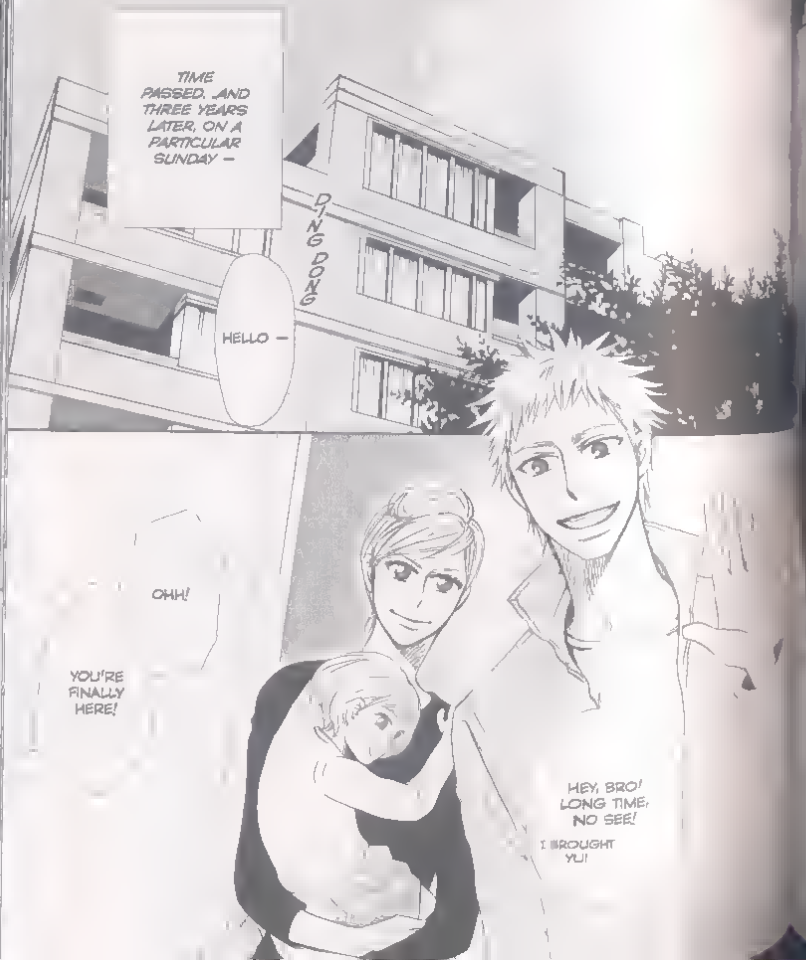
I'D JUST BEEN THINKING HOW I'D LIKE TO SHOW IT TO YOU, TOO.
HA HA
QUIT BEING SO SAPP-
-Y
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D COME TO AMERICA IN MY LIFETIME EITHER.
THANKS FOR TODAY
THE MEETING WENT AS PLANNED, THANKS TO YOU
I SEE. THAT'S GOOD
BUT IF I'D KNOWN YOU WERE COMING FUMI-CHAN, I'D HAVE BOOKED A NICER HOTEL.
DON'T SWEAT OVER TRIVIAL STUFF LIKE THAT
I NEVER EXPECTED I'D BE ABLE TO SHARE THIS NIGHT VIEW OF MANHATTAN WITH YOU, THOUGH
YEAH
WHSH!
OH.
PEEK
CLAK
HMP
BLINK
DAMN IT, REALLY IS NIGHT ALREADY!
HUH?!
YOU WANT SOMETHING TO DRINK, FUMI-CHAN?
IS BEER OKAY?
NOTHING ELSE IS GOOD.
TAKEO
WHEN DID YOU

SLURP
...N...
NN!
OH...!
HEY
SHUFF
NOT SO HARD
OR I'LL CUM
JERK
IT'S OKAY SO AHEAD.
UHH...
CREAK
WHAT...?
NN...
...!
HOLD ON A SEC!
T-T-TAKEO! WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?
IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T WANT TO, BUT
DON'T LOOK SO MANLY ALL OF A SUDDEN...
YOU'RE DRUNK, AREN'T YOU?!
HAHAHA MAYBE A LITTLE
TH-
YOU DON'T WANT TO?

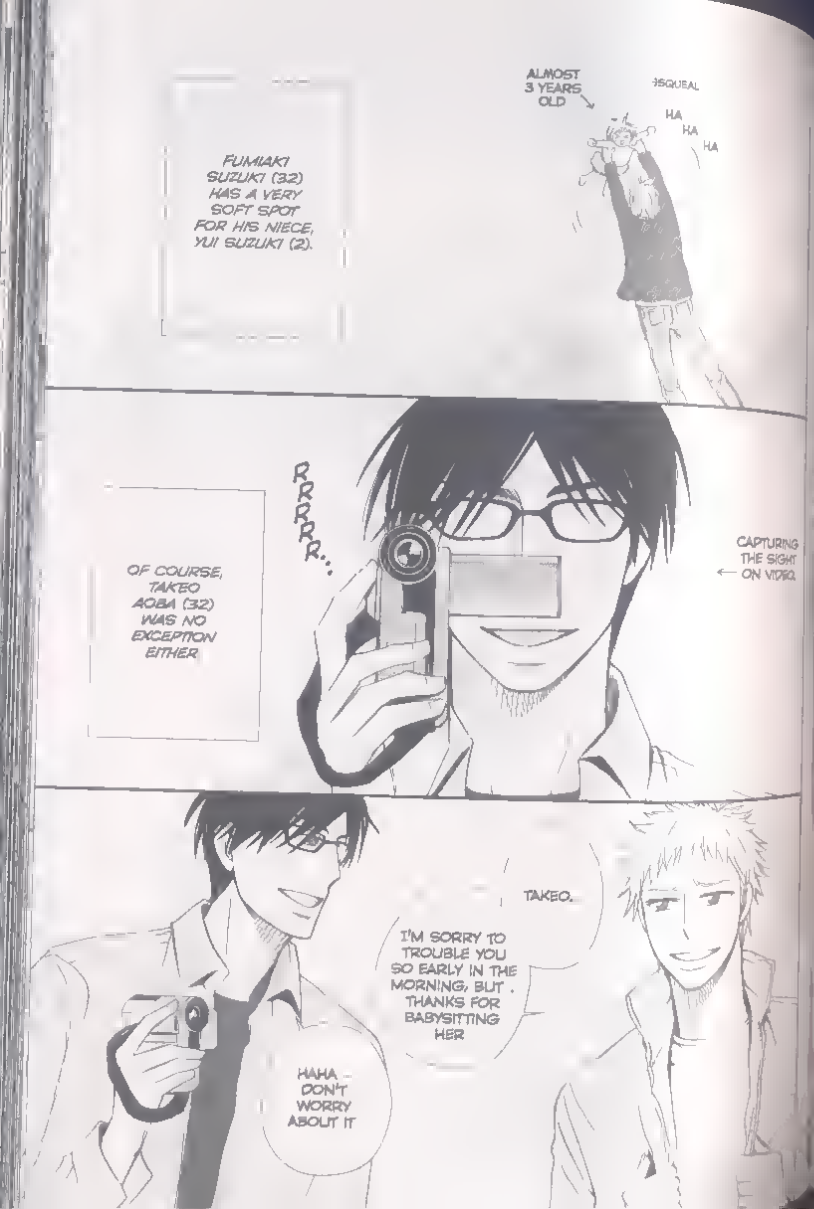
HEY, FUMI-CHAN..
CAN I PUT IT IN?
HUH?!
I'M THE BOTTOM?
IN HERE-
SQUEECH
WHOA!
THIS FEELS GROSS-
OH-
TAKEO...
CREAK
FUMI-CHAN..
YOU MEAN "FEELS GOOD," RIGHT?
BLUSH
YOU! DON'T SAY STUFF LIKE THAT!
WHY?
OH.
YOU DON'T LIKE IT?
GRIND
OH!
FUMI-CHAN YOU FEEL GOOD INSIDE
WHA-..! IDIOT!
JUST HURRY UP AND COME!
WHAAA?
IS IT ME, OR DO YOU SEEM USED TO THIS?
BUT-
HUH?
TWITCH
HAH-
HUFF-

レンズ越しの幸福

HOT STEAMY BLISS


TIME PASSED, AND THREE YEARS LATER, ON A PARTICULAR SUNDAY —
DING DONG
HELLO —
OHH!
YOU'RE FINALLY HERE!
HEY, BRO! LONG TIME, NO SEE!
I BROUGHT YU!

THE MORNING OF OUR RETURN TO JAPAN —
I'VE DECIDED TO GO BACK TO JAPAN TOGETHER WITH YOU, FUMI-CHAN
—UH? BUT YOU'VE GOT WORK HAVEN'T YOU?
I WANT TO MEET YOUR PARENTS PROPERLY
WHAT?
I WANT TO BE ABLE TO SIT ON THE SIDE OF YOUR FAMILY AT SHOGO'S WEDDING —
AND I WANT US TO BE BURIED IN THE SAME GRAVE WHEN WE DIE, FUMI-CHAN!
SERIOUS
. DO WHAT YOU WANT
OKAY I WILL
THIS GUY


FUMIAKI SUZUKI (32) HAS A VERY SOFT SPOT FOR HIS NIECE, YUI SUZUKI (2).
ALMOST 3 YEARS OLD
SQUEAL
HA HA HA
OF COURSE, TAKEO AOBA (32) WAS NO EXCEPTION EITHER.
RRRRR...
CAPTURING THE SIGHT ON VIDEO
TAKEO.
I'M SORRY TO TROUBLE YOU SO EARLY IN THE MORNING, BUT . THANKS FOR BABYSITTING HER
HAHA — DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT

YUI!
COME TO UNCLE!
AHAHAHAHA
キャー!
SQUEAL
UNCLE FUMI!
SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU!
PATTER PATTER PATTER
HEHE, YUI, YOUR UNCLES CALLING YOU
YEAH
THUMP

YUI, IS THERE ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE TO EAT?

TURN

PUDDING! ♡

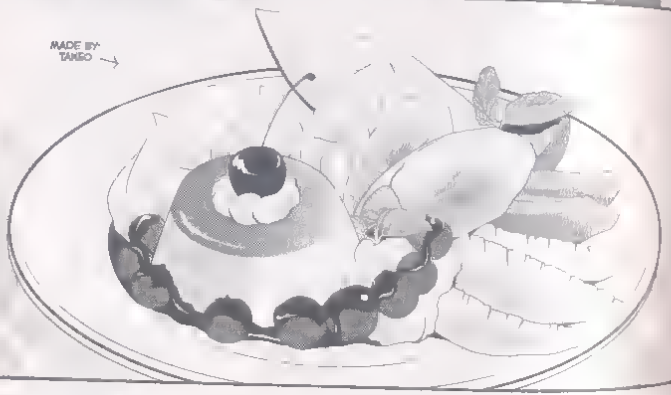
HER FAVORITE

TOSS

I ALREADY KNOW ALL THIS!

CRUMPLE CRUMPLE

MADE BY TAKEO



NICE

BLOCKS

SO YUI, WHAT SHALL WE PLAY AFTER THIS?

I THINK WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET BACK BY 8 PM

OKAY, TAKE YOUR TIME

OH, BE QUIET —

I KNOW THAT!

IF SHE MISBEHAVES, REMEMBER TO ADMONISH HER PROPERLY!

HEY! DON'T SPOIL HER SO MUCH!

THE HUSBAND AND WIFE DEPARTED FOR A FRIEND'S WEDDING

CHANGED CLOTHES

WE LEAVE HER TO YOU —

OKAY THEN —

IN A SUIT UNDERNEATH

THIRTY MINUTES LATER

SNACK (EGG BALLS)

THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR

REMEMBER

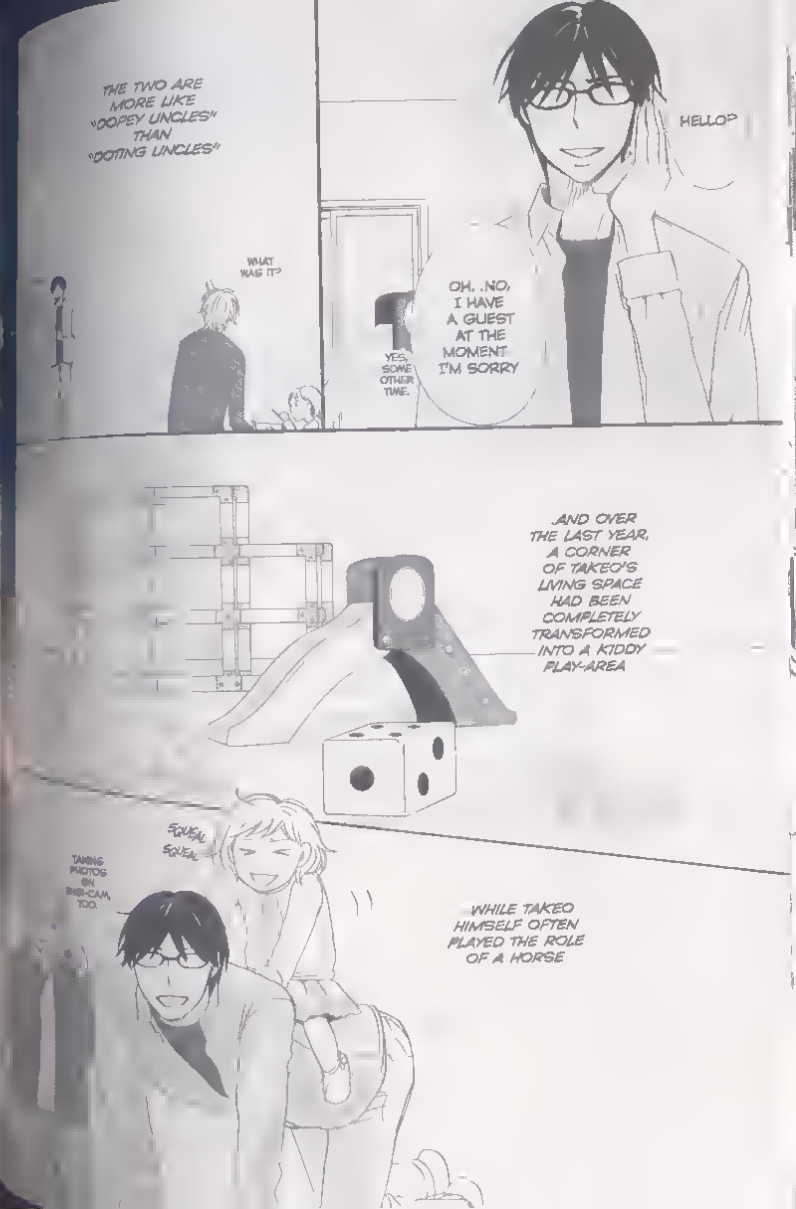
DON'T GIVE HER TOO MANY SWEETS!

PLEASE READ HER A STORY BEFORE YOU PUT HER TO BED

IF SHE MISBEHAVES PLEASE ADMONISH HER PROPERLY

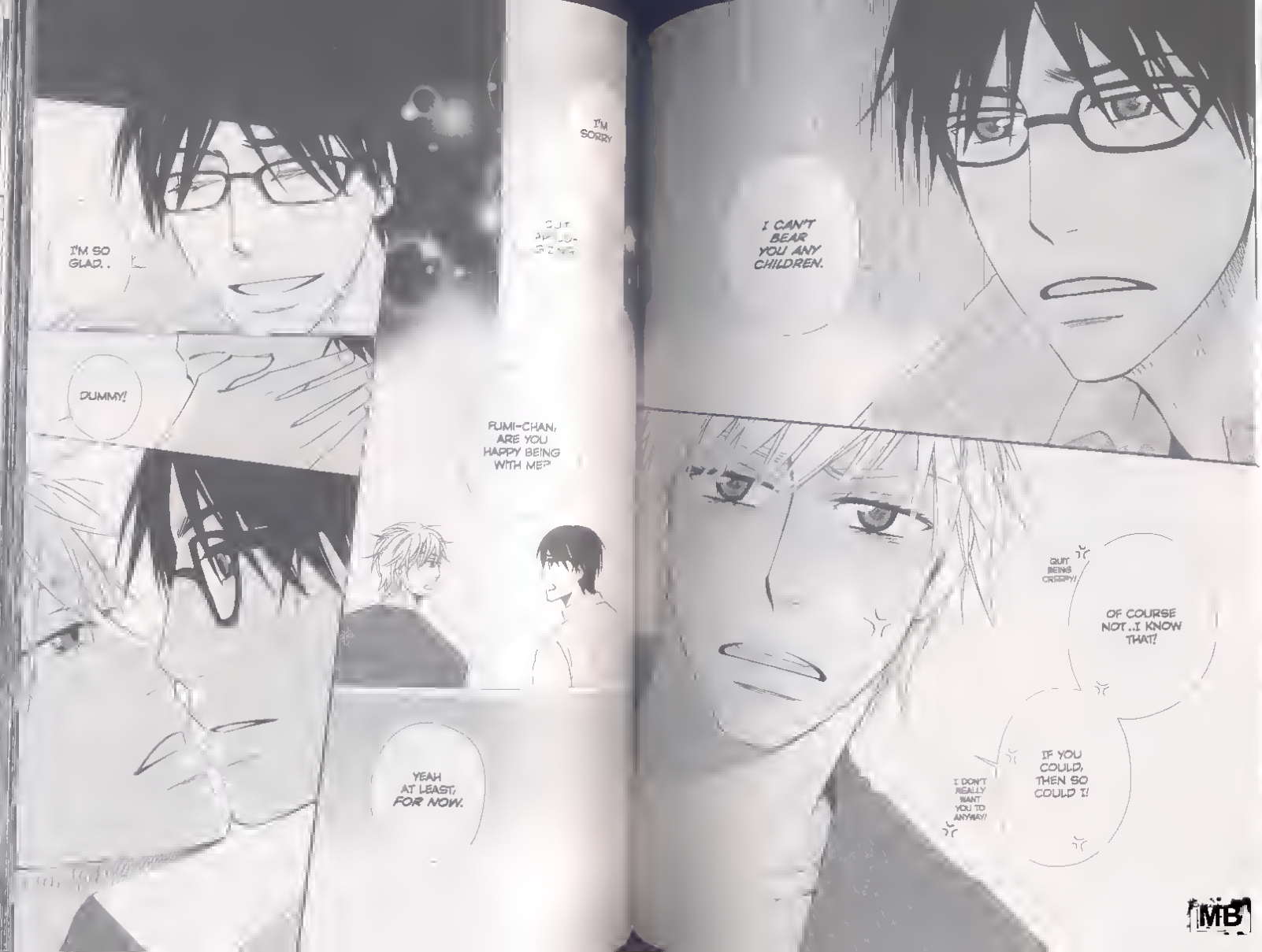
ETC ETC THIS AND THAT BLAH BLAH

ON MONDAY —
HE ATE AN APPLE
BUT HE WAS STILL HUNGRY
ON TUESDAY...

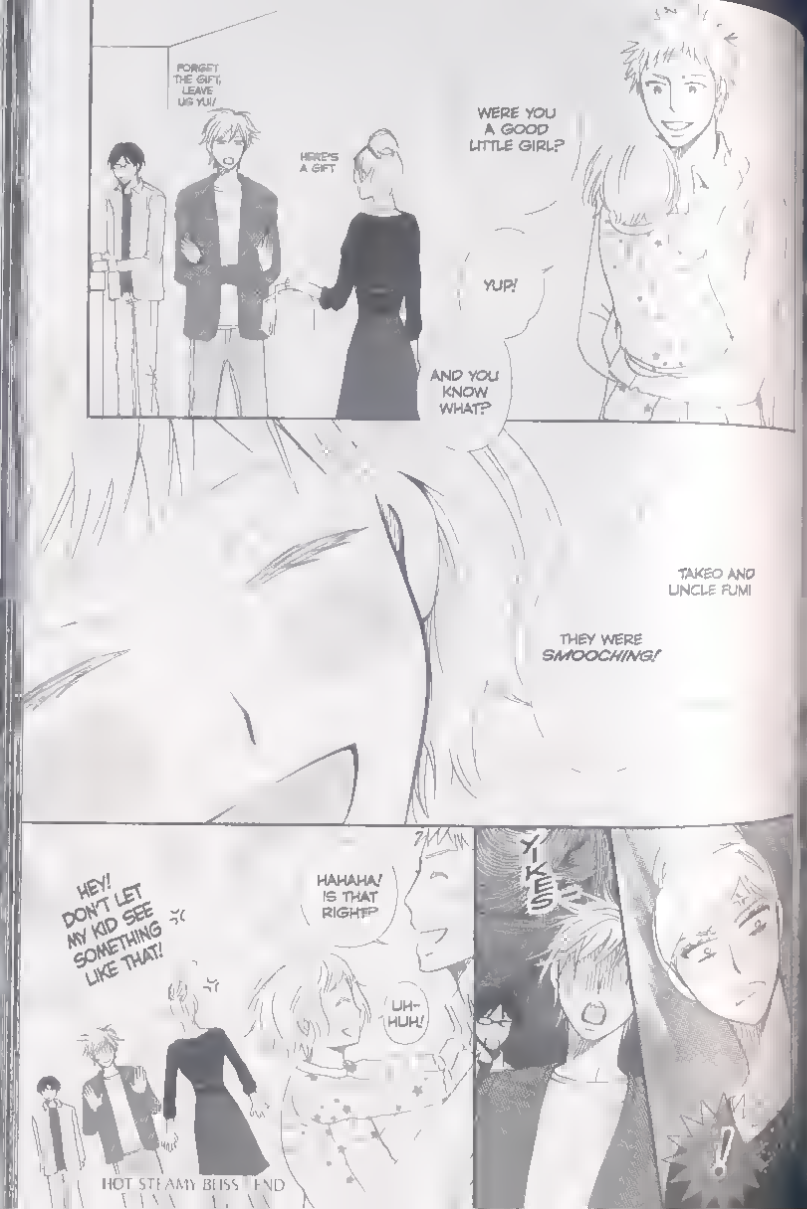

THE TWO ARE MORE LIKE "DOPEY UNCLES" THAN "DOTING UNCLES"
WHAT WAS IT?
HELLO?
OH, NO, I HAVE A GUEST AT THE MOMENT I'M SORRY
YES, SOME OTHER TIME.
AND OVER THE LAST YEAR, A CORNER OF TAKEO'S LIVING SPACE HAD BEEN COMPLETELY TRANSFORMED INTO A KIDDY PLAY-AREA
SQUEAL SQUEAL
TAKING PHOTOS ON SMART-CAM, TOO.
WHILE TAKEO HIMSELF OFTEN PLAYED THE ROLE OF A HORSE

HERE YOU GO
THANKS.
WHEW! ANOTHER DAY OF PLAYING TO OUR HEART'S CONTENT.
BUT HAPPY.
SO TIRED.
FUMI-CHAN I'M SORRY.
?
FOR WHAT?

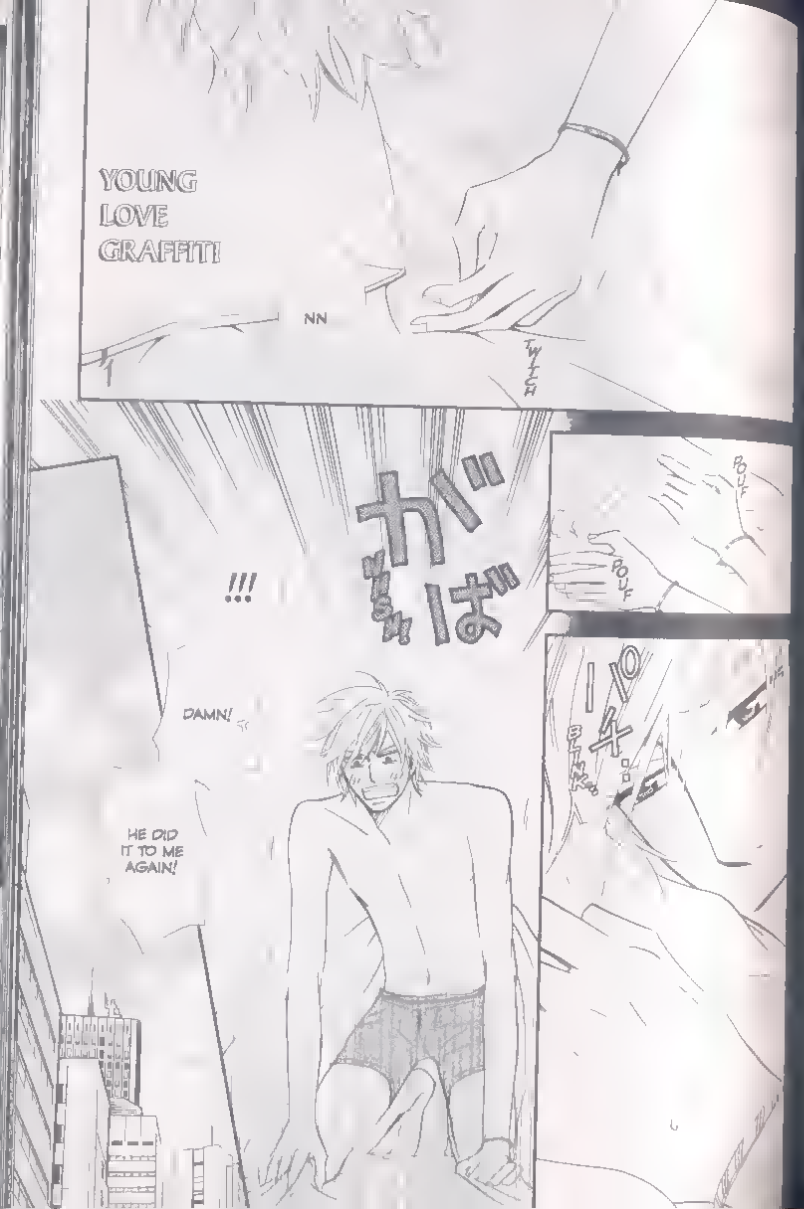
BEFORE YUI WAS BORN, I HAD ABSOLUTELY NO INTEREST IN CHILDREN..
BUT THEY'RE SO CUTE WHEN THEY'RE FAMILY


I'M SO GLAD..
DUMMY!
I'M SORRY
FUMI-CHAN, ARE YOU HAPPY BEING WITH ME?
YEAH AT LEAST, FOR NOW.
I CAN'T BEAR YOU ANY CHILDREN.
QUIT BEING CREEPY!
OF COURSE NOT..I KNOW THAT!
IF YOU COULD, THEN SO COULD I!
I DON'T REALLY WANT YOU TO ANYWAY!

FUMI-CHAN
IT'S ALL RIGHT
DON'T MOVE!
CREAK
I'LL CLIMB ON TOP
SLIDE
HAHA
HAHA
OH
OH
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
HAHA
YOU STILL THINK ABOUT STUFF LIKE THAT, HUH?
YOU SHOULD KNOW ME BETTER BY NOW
HAHA.
IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE SO DIFFICULT, FUMI-CHAN
HEY, DON'T PUT THE BLAME ON ME


FORGET THE GIFT, LEAVE US YU!
HERE'S A GIFT
WERE YOU A GOOD LITTLE GIRL?
YUP!
AND YOU KNOW WHAT?
TAKEO AND UNCLE FUMI
THEY WERE SMOOCHING!
HEY! DON'T LET MY KID SEE SOMETHING LIKE THAT!
HAHAHA! IS THAT RIGHT?
UH-HUH!
YIKES
!
HOT STEAMY BLISS END

CLAK...
TAKEO...
PEE-PEE...
MUMBLE
MUMBLE
OKAY OKAY THE BATHROOM, HUH?
THANK YOU SO MUCH
IS YU STILL UP?...
DADDY!


YOUNG
LOVE
GRAFFITI
NN
TWITCH
!!!
DAMN!
HE DID
IT TO ME
AGAIN!
POUF
POUF

青年恋愛グラフィティ

(せいねんれんあい)

YOUNG LOVE GRAFFITI

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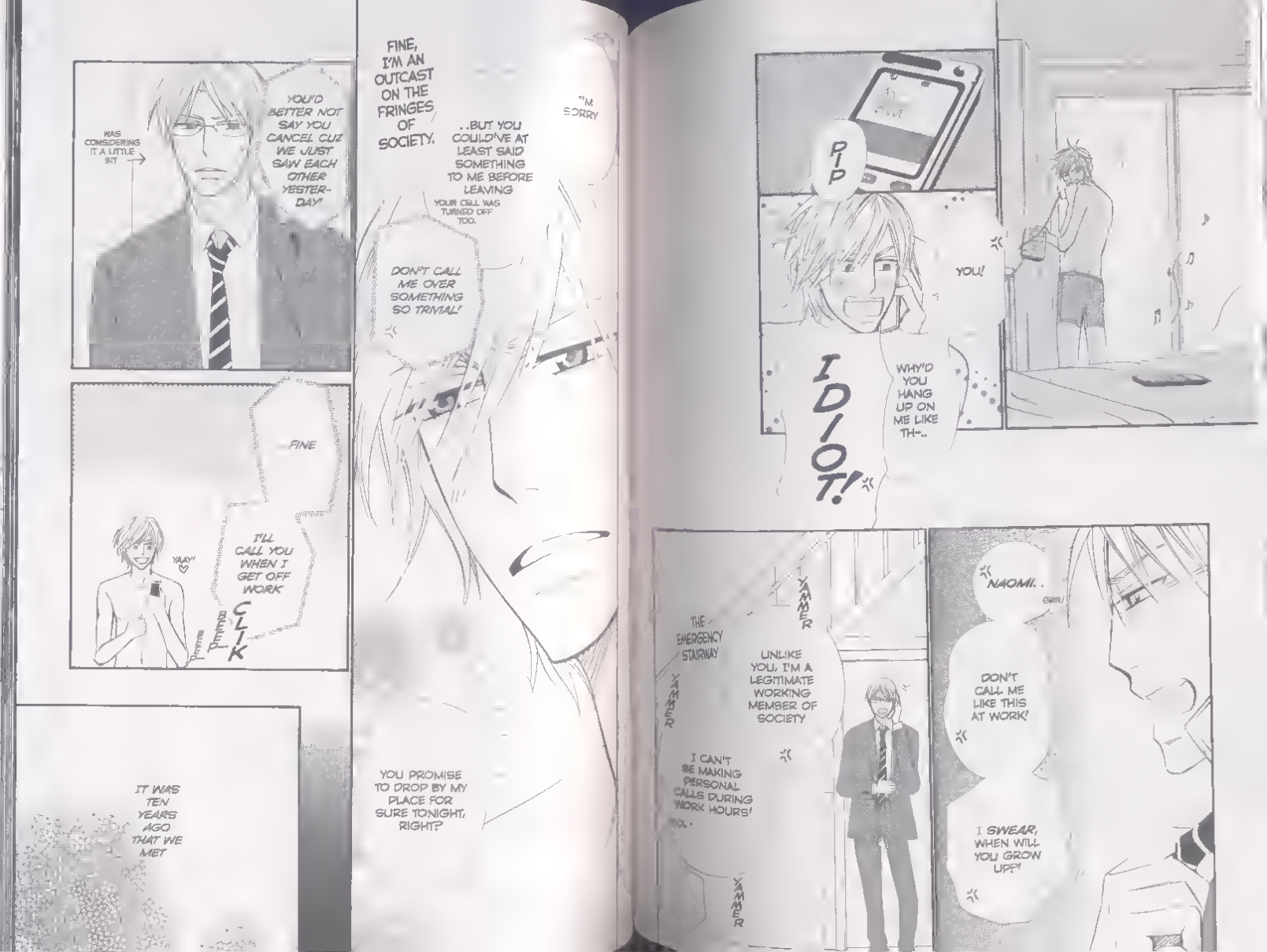
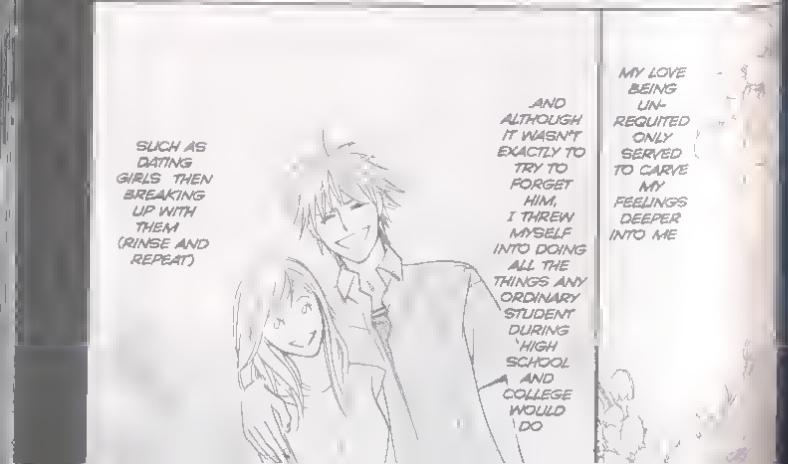
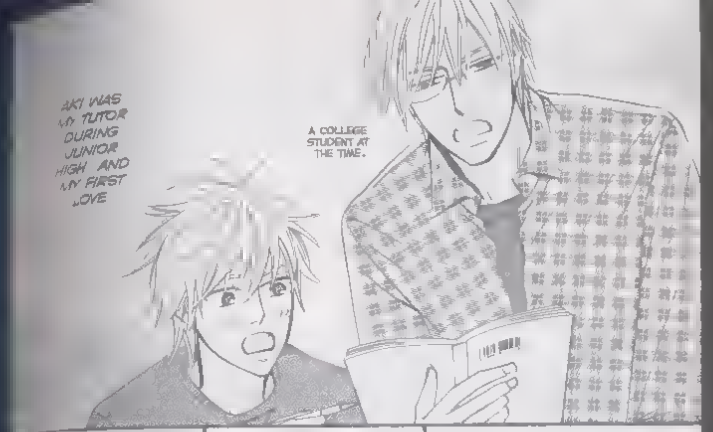
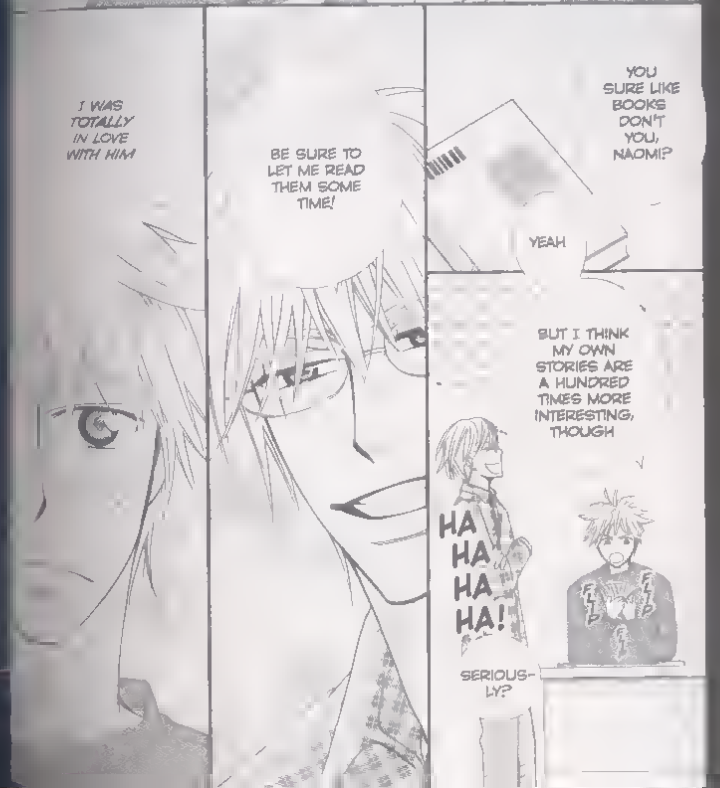

IT WAS TEN YEARS AGO THAT WE MET
YOU'D BETTER NOT SAY YOU CANCEL CUZ WE JUST SAW EACH OTHER YESTER-DAY!
WAS CONSIDERING IT A LITTLE BIT
FINE
I'LL CALL YOU WHEN I GET OFF WORK
YAAY!
BEEP
CLIK
YOU PROMISE TO DROP BY MY PLACE FOR SURE TONIGHT, RIGHT?
FINE, I'M AN OUTCAST ON THE FRINGES OF SOCIETY.
..BUT YOU COULD'VE AT LEAST SAID SOMETHING TO ME BEFORE LEAVING
"I'M SORRY
YOUR CELL WAS TURNED OFF TOO.
DON'T CALL ME OVER SOMETHING SO TRIVIAL!
PIP
YOU!
WHY'D YOU HANG UP ON ME LIKE TH-..
IDIOT!
THE EMERGENCY STAIRWAY
YAMMER
UNLIKE YOU, I'M A LEGITIMATE WORKING MEMBER OF SOCIETY
I CAN'T BE MAKING PERSONAL CALLS DURING WORK HOURS!
YAMMER
YAMMER
NAOMI..
GWU!
DON'T CALL ME LIKE THIS AT WORK!
I SWEAR, WHEN WILL YOU GROW UP?!

AND BY THE TIME I FINALLY DID REALIZE IT, AKI WAS NO LONGER NEAR ME

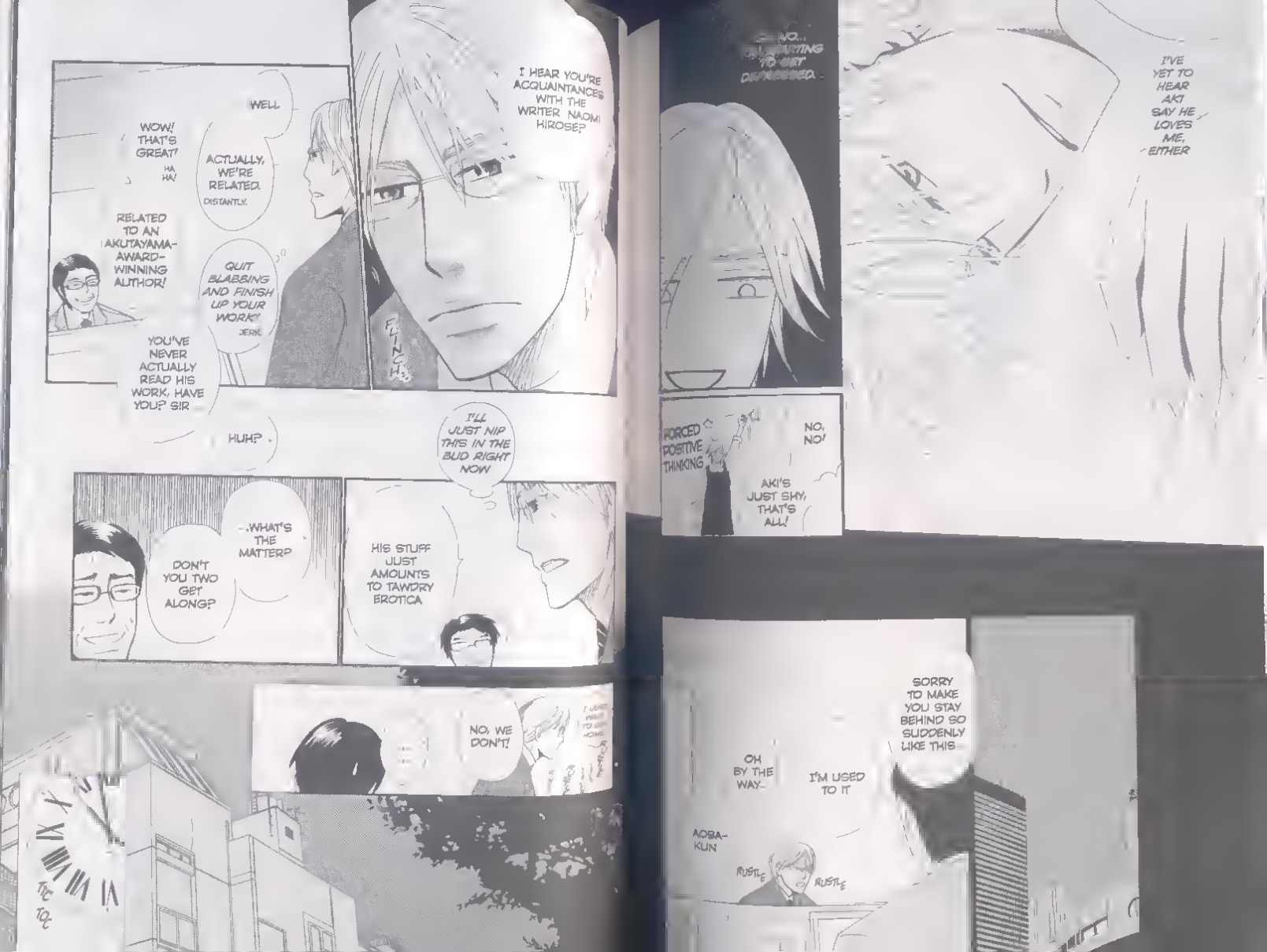

SUCH AS DATING GIRLS THEN BREAKING UP WITH THEM (RINSE AND REPEAT)
AND ALTHOUGH IT WASN'T EXACTLY TO TRY TO FORGET HIM, I THREW MYSELF INTO DOING ALL THE THINGS ANY ORDINARY STUDENT DURING HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE WOULD DO
MY LOVE BEING UNREQUITED ONLY SERVED TO CARVE MY FEELINGS DEEPER INTO ME

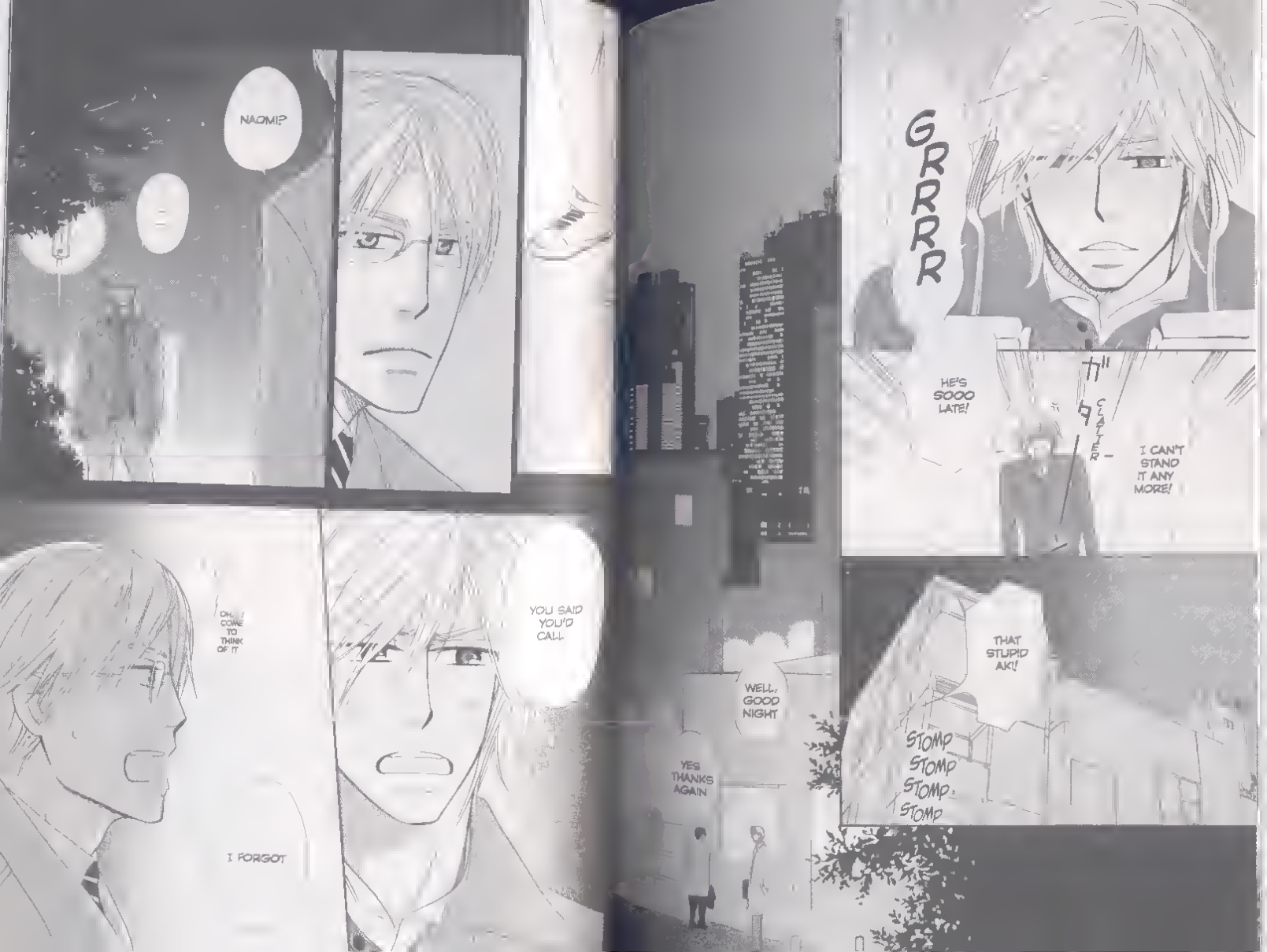


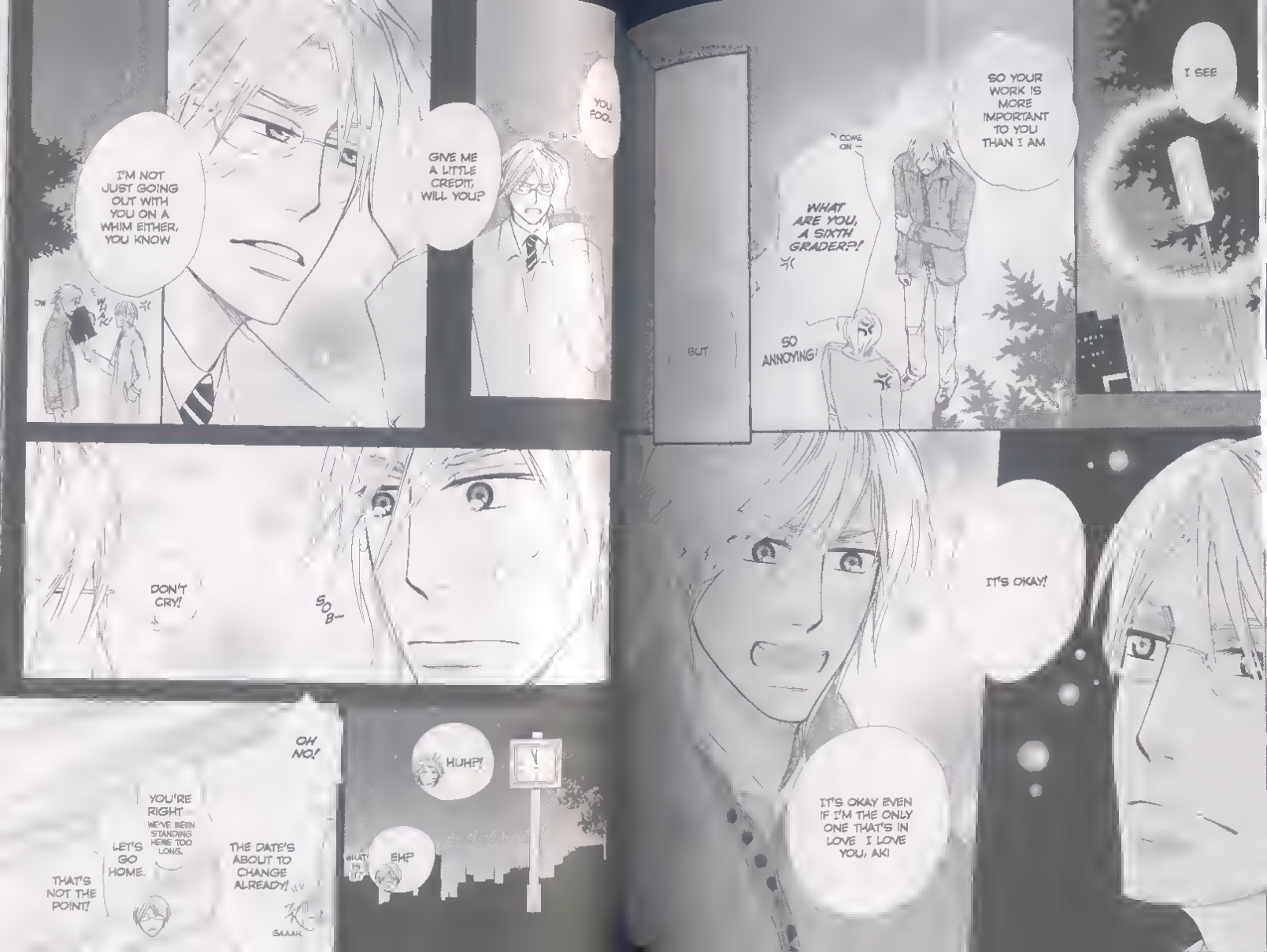

I WAS TOTALLY IN LOVE WITH HIM
BE SURE TO LET ME READ THEM SOME TIME!
YOU SURE LIKE BOOKS DON'T YOU, NAOMI?
YEAH
BUT I THINK MY OWN STORIES ARE A HUNDRED TIMES MORE INTERESTING, THOUGH
HA HA HA HA!
SERIOUSLY?

SEEMED EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL TO ME
BUT THE REAL AKI STANDING IN FRONT OF MY EYES
BUT THEN, TOWARDS THE END OF LAST YEAR...
受付
受付
?!
KUMI AOBA
AKI AOBA
NAOMI HIROSE
I WAS REUNITED WITH HIM AT A COUSIN'S WEDDING RECEPTION
HEY -
LONG TIME, NO SEE
HA!
I SEE YOU'RE LOOKING AS DUMB AS EVER, EH?
THE TWO ARE ACTUALLY DISTANTLY RELATED.
WHAT?
I KNOW WE TEND TO BEAUTIFY PEOPLE IN MEMORIES OF OUR PAST BUT
SHARP-TONGUED.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
CLINK CLINK
AFTER THAT THANK'S TO MY SHEER PERSISTENCE
LAST MONTH I GOT HIM TO START GOING OUT WITH ME
WHEW -
OKAY!
I FEEL LIKE I'M IN HEAVEN!

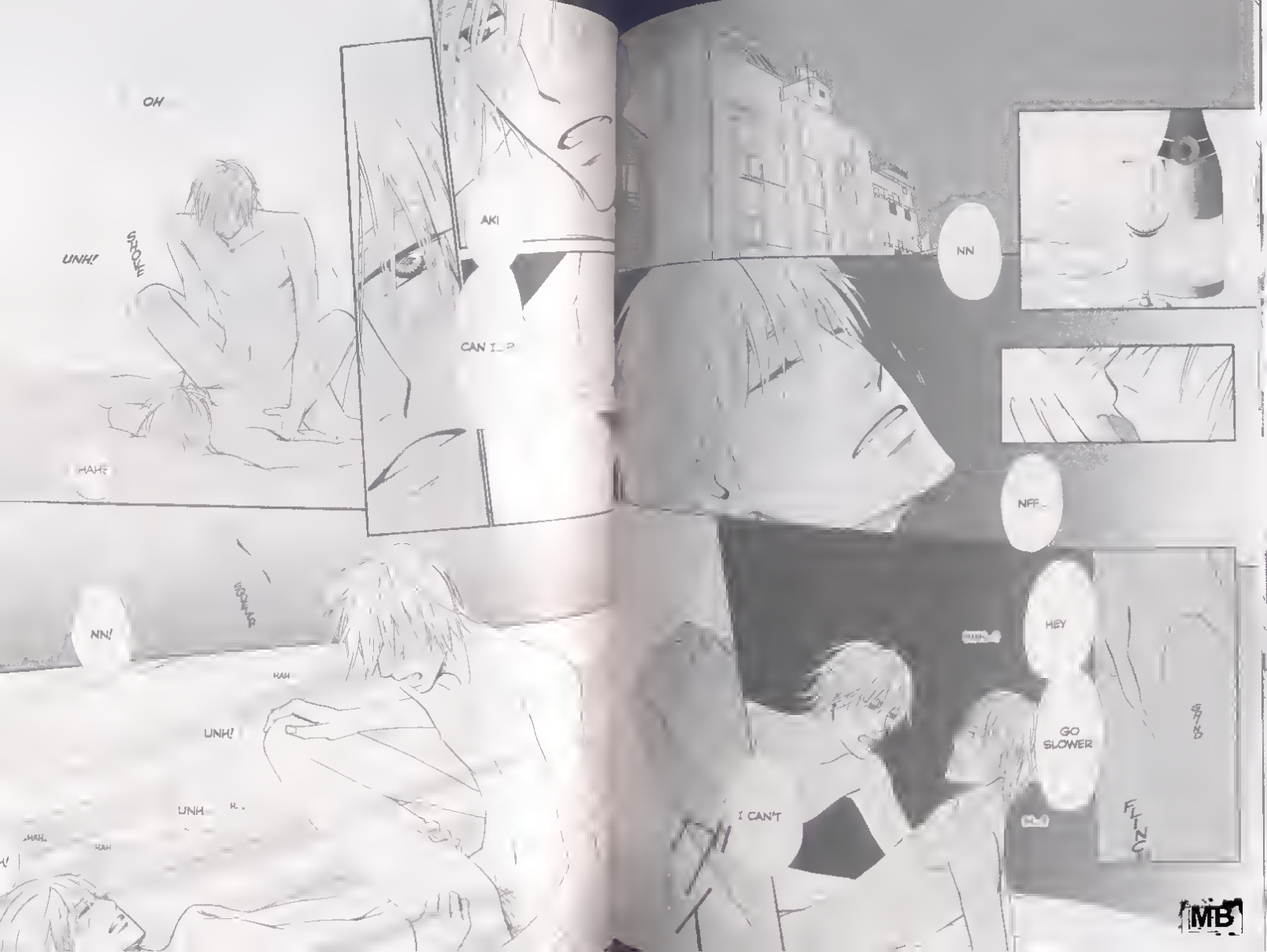
ALTHOUGH HE'S GIVEN ME HIS BODY...
HE'S NOWHERE NEAR CLOSE TO GIVING ME HIS HEART
OH MAN
IN DEEP THOUGHT
I CAN'T CALL HIM AT THE OFFICE
DAMN I CAN'T FIGURE OUT THE TIMING OF WHEN TO START COOKING THE MEAT... I HOPE HE HASN'T FORGOTTEN
HE PROMISED.
WHAT THE...?! IT'S ALREADY SEVEN!
OR, AT LEAST I SHOULD, BUT
HE NEVER CALLED! AND I CAN'T GET THROUGH TO HIS PHONE!
AT THIS RATE, I GUESS THIS LOVE...
SIGH.
...IS STILL MOSTLY ONE-SIDED.
DAMN!
CLUNK


I HEAR YOU'RE ACQUAINTANCES WITH THE WRITER NAOMI HIROSE?
FLINCH
WELL
ACTUALLY, WE'RE RELATED. DISTANTLY.
WOW! THAT'S GREAT! HA HA!
RELATED TO AN AKUTAYAMA-AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR!
QUIT BLABBING AND FINISH UP YOUR WORK! JERK
YOU'VE NEVER ACTUALLY READ HIS WORK, HAVE YOU? SIR
HUH?
I'LL JUST NIP THIS IN THE BUD RIGHT NOW
..WHAT'S THE MATTER?
DON'T YOU TWO GET ALONG?
HIS STUFF JUST AMOUNTS TO TAWDRY EROTICA
NO, WE DON'T!
I'VE YET TO HEAR AKI SAY HE LOVES ME, EITHER
FORCED POSITIVE THINKING
NO, NO!
AKI'S JUST SHY, THAT'S ALL!
SORRY TO MAKE YOU STAY BEHIND SO SUDDENLY LIKE THIS
OH BY THE WAY-
I'M USED TO IT
AOBA-KUN
RUSTLE
RUSTLE


NAOMI?
OH, COME TO THINK OF IT
I FORGOT
YOU SAID YOU'D CALL
YES THANKS AGAIN
WELL, GOOD NIGHT
GRRRR
HE'S SOOO LATE!
LATER
I CAN'T STAND IT ANY MORE!
THAT STUPID AK!!
STOMP STOMP STOMP STOMP


I'M NOT JUST GOING OUT WITH YOU ON A WHIM EITHER, YOU KNOW
GIVE ME A LITTLE CREDIT, WILL YOU?
YOU FOOL
DON'T CRY!
SOB—
OH NO!
YOU'RE RIGHT
WE'VE BEEN STANDING HERE TOO LONG.
LET'S GO HOME.
THAT'S NOT THE POINT!
THE DATE'S ABOUT TO CHANGE ALREADY!
SAAAH
HUH?!
WHAT?
EH?
BUT
WHAT ARE YOU, A SIXTH GRADER?!
COME ON
SO ANNOYING!
SO YOUR WORK IS MORE IMPORTANT TO YOU THAN I AM
I SEE
IT'S OKAY!
IT'S OKAY EVEN IF I'M THE ONLY ONE THAT'S IN LOVE I LOVE YOU, AKI

WHISPER
WHISPER
OH!
I WONDERED WHY YOU WERE SO ADAMANT ABOUT MEETING "TODAY".
HA HA HA
HA HA HA!
IT'S NO LAUGHING MATTER!
YOU LAUGH NOW, BUT WAIT TILL WE GET BACK YOU'RE GONNA BE EVEN MORE SURPRISED
HE HE HE
HOW EMBARRASSING AT YOUR AGE!
YOU REALLY ARE A ROMANTIC, AREN'T YOU?
HA HA HA HA!
SAY WHAT?!
I'D FORGOTTEN ABOUT THAT TOO
A...L THESE YEARS


OH
UNH!
SHOVE
AKI
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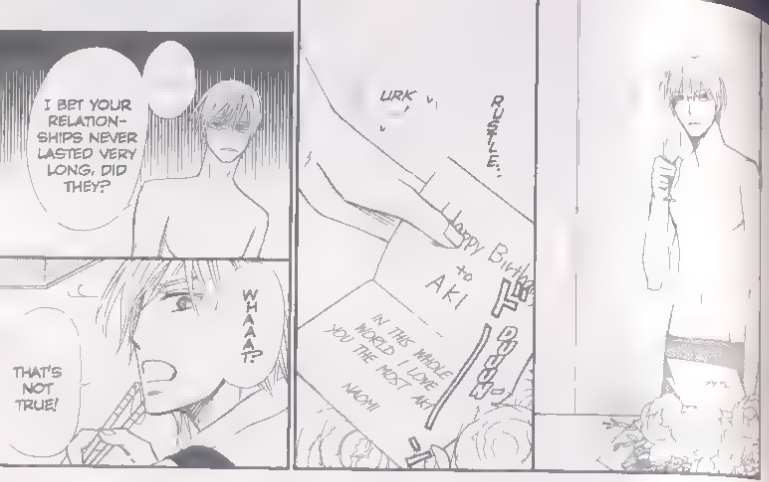
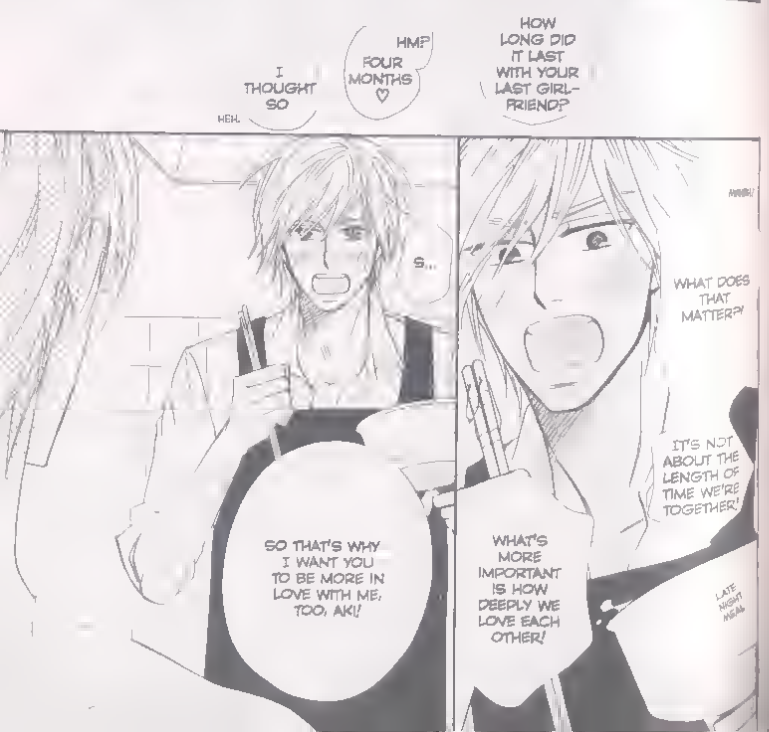
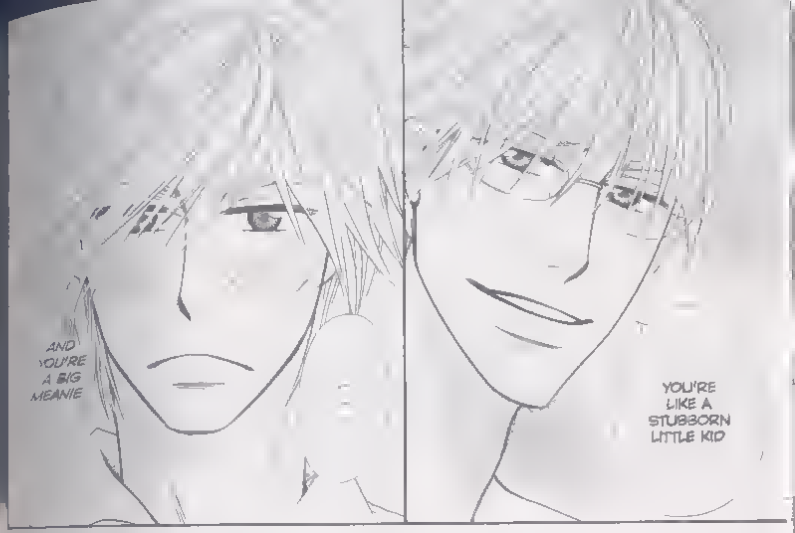
HEY
GO SLOWER
I CAN'T
SHOVE
FLINC


I BET YOUR RELATIONSHIPS NEVER LASTED VERY LONG, DID THEY?
WHAAA!?
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
LURK
Happy Birthday to Aki
IN THIS WHOLE WORLD I LOVE YOU THE MOST AKI
NAOMI


HOW LONG DID IT LAST WITH YOUR LAST GIRLFRIEND?
HMM?
FOUR MONTHS ♡
I THOUGHT SO
HEH.
S...
SO THAT'S WHY I WANT YOU TO BE MORE IN LOVE WITH ME, TOO, AKI!
WHAT?
WHAT DOES THAT MATTER?
IT'S NOT ABOUT THE LENGTH OF TIME WE'RE TOGETHER!
WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT IS HOW DEEPLY WE LOVE EACH OTHER!
LATE NIGHT NIGHT

SHUFF...
HA
M.


AND YOU'RE A BIG MEANIE
YOU'RE LIKE A STUBBORN LITTLE KID

BUT
I EVEN LOVE THAT PART OF HIM, TOO. I CAN'T HELP IT.
HEY—
BY THE WAY, WHERE'S MY PRESENT?
WHA?!
MY PRESENT?
YOU KNOW LIKE A WATCH OR SOMETHING?
UMM, LIKE I SAID, MY LOVE IS MY PRESENT TO YOU ♡
CAN I LEAVE NOW?
WHAAAT?

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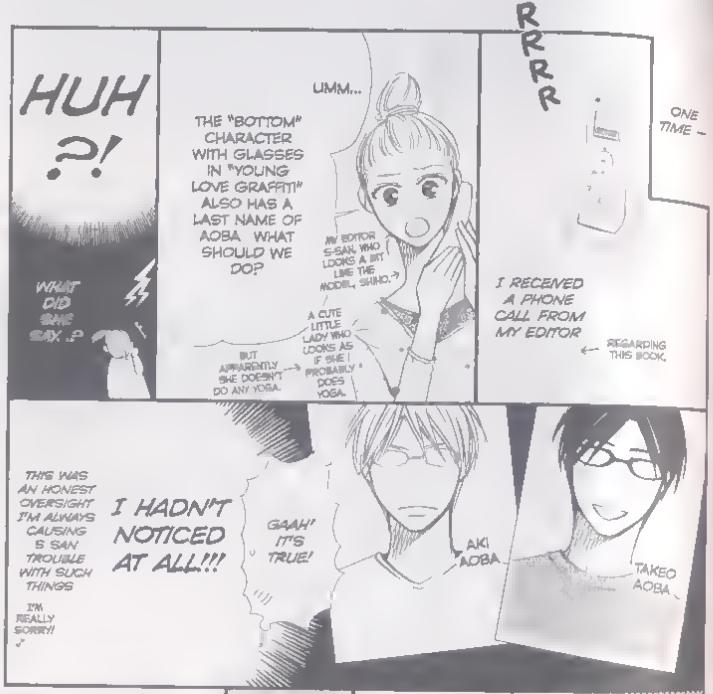

HUH ?!
WHAT DID SHE SAY..?
UMM...
THE "BOTTOM" CHARACTER WITH GLASSES IN "YOUNG LOVE GRAFFITI" ALSO HAS A LAST NAME OF AOBA. WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
MY EDITOR S-SAN, WHO LOOKS A BIT LIKE THE MODEL, SHINO.
A CUTE LITTLE LADY WHO LOOKS AS IF SHE PROBABLY DOES YOGA.
BUT APPARENTLY SHE DOESN'T DO ANY YOGA.
RRRR
ONE TIME —
I RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM MY EDITOR
REGARDING THIS BOOK.
THIS WAS AN HONEST OVERSIGHT I'M ALWAYS CAUSING S-SAN TROUBLE WITH SUCH THINGS
I'M REALLY SORRY!!
I HADN'T NOTICED AT ALL!!!
GAAH! IT'S TRUE!
AKI AOBA
TAKEO AOBA
I'VE LEFT IT UNTIL LAST, BUT I GIVE GREAT THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAS READ THIS FAR
I HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN IN THE NEXT BOOK
THAT'S THE EXCUSE I CAME UP WITH
YOUNGER BROTHER
OLDER BROTHER
A BIT OF A DELINQUENT
ELDEST SON
AKI'S FATHER
TAKEO'S FATHER
WELL TAKEO'S FATHER AND AKI'S FATHER ARE BROTHERS YOU SEE —
UMM
COUSINS
BUT THESE TWO DON'T SEEM LIKE THEY'D GET ALONG TOO WELL...
OLDER
SO TAKEO AND AKI ARE COUSINS
STOOP-BACKED

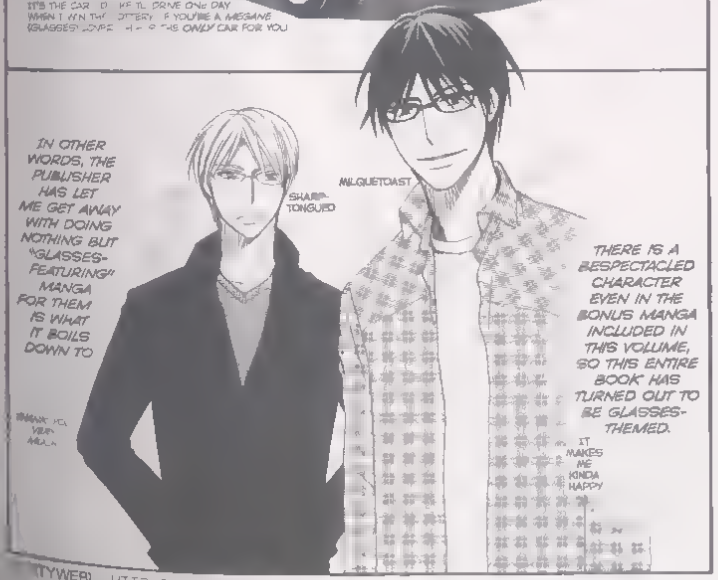
SPECIAL THANKS TO MY EDITOR S-SAMA MORI RIN KARINA-CHAN

AFTER WORD

HELLO, NICE TO MEET YOU — OR PERHAPS FOR SOME OF YOU — I SHOULD SAY "NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN" THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR TAKING UP THIS COPY OF "HOT STEAMY GLASSES" IN HAND!

MEGANE
THE NEWEST MEGANE
IT'S THE CAR I'D LIKE TO DRIVE ONE DAY WHEN I WIN THE LOTTERY. IF YOU'RE A MEGANE (GLASSES) LOVER, THIS ONLY CAR FOR YOU

THE THEME THIS TIME IS "MEGANE (GLASSES)."


IN OTHER WORDS, THE PUBLISHER HAS LET ME GET AWAY WITH DOING NOTHING BUT "GLASSES-FEATURING" MANGA FOR THEM IS WHAT IT BOILS DOWN TO
SHARP-TONGUED
MILQUETOAST
THERE IS A BESPECTACLED CHARACTER EVEN IN THE BONUS MANGA INCLUDED IN THIS VOLUME, SO THIS ENTIRE BOOK HAS TURNED OUT TO BE GLASSES-THEMED.
IT MAKES ME KINDA HAPPY

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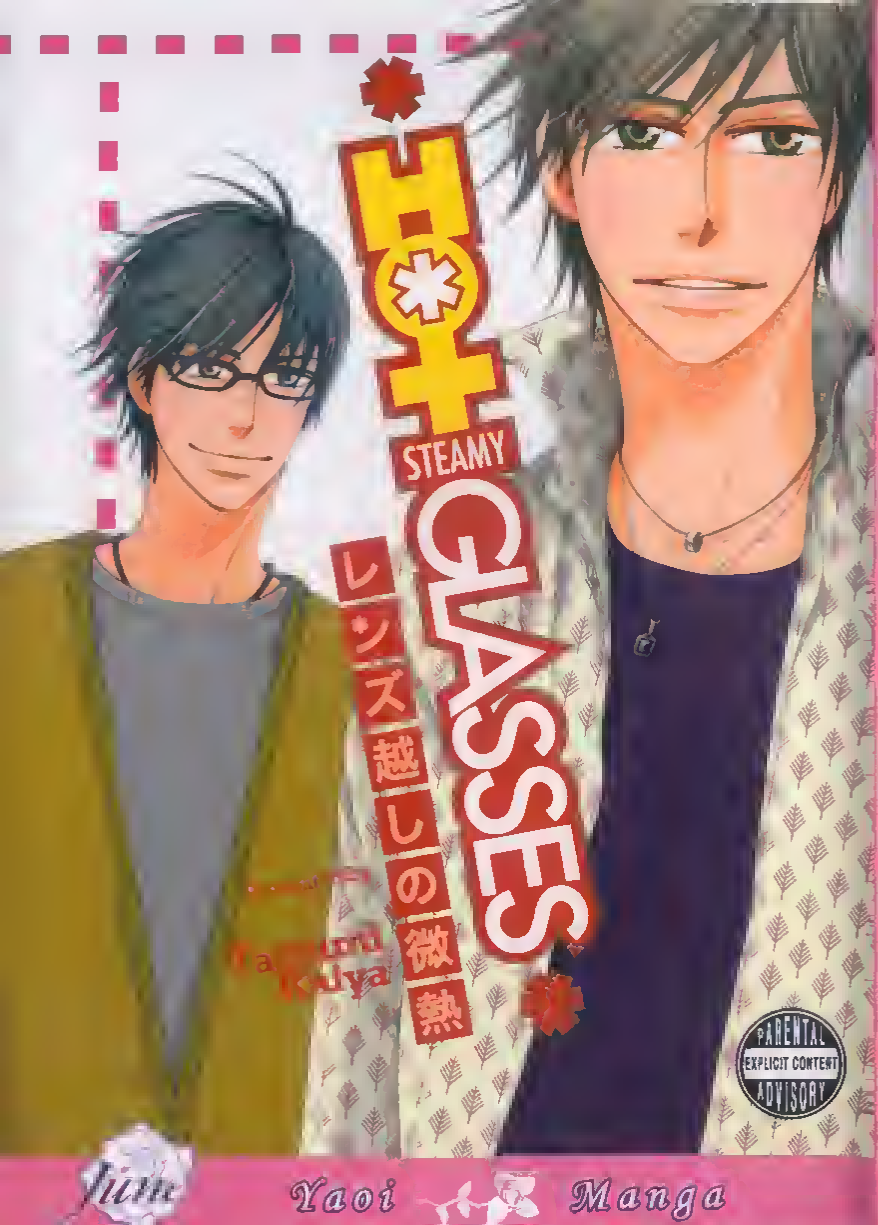
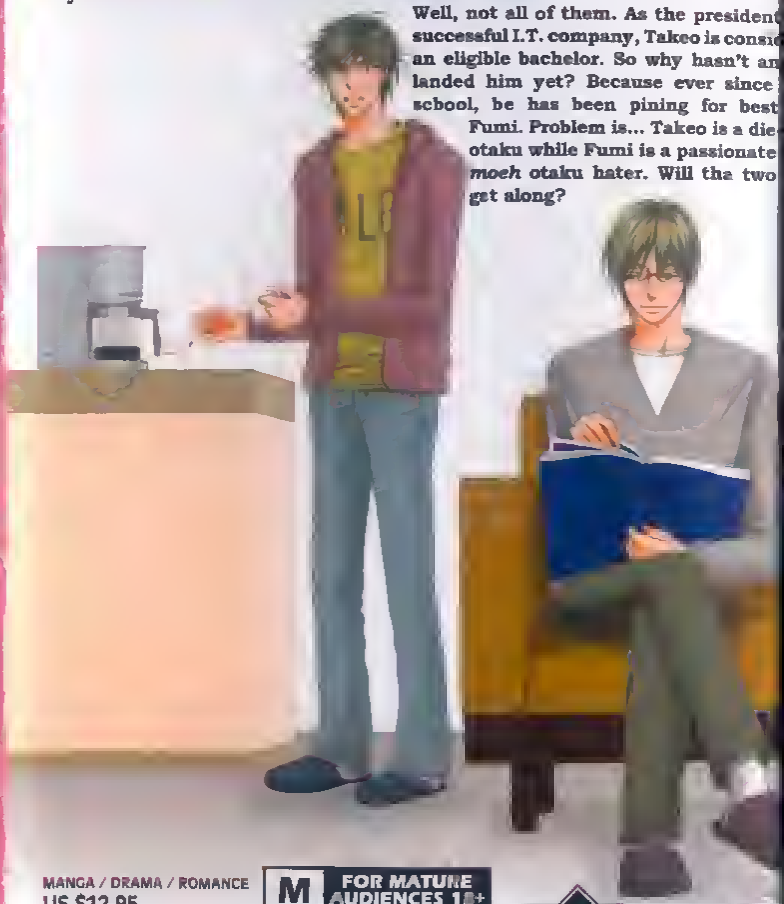


HOT STEAMY GLASSES

Tatsumi Kaiya

With computers being so much a part of people's lives nowadaya, we can s say that thia is the era of the nerd. **Nerds rule!**

Well, not all of them. As the president successful I.T. company, Takeo is consid an eligible bachelor. So why hasn't an landed him yet? Because ever since school, be has been pining for best Fumi. Problem is... Takeo is a die otaku while Fumi is a passionate *moeh* otaku hater. Will tha two get along?



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